

Treasury and Exchequer Ministerial Decision Report

TRANSFER FUNDING FROM IHE REVENUE TO ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS CAPITAL HEAD OF EXPENDITURE

1. Purpose of Report

To enable the Minister to approve the budget transfer of up to £1,000,000 in 2022 from the IHE revenue head of expenditure to the IHE Road Safety Improvements Capital Head of Expenditure (Q00MF15037) being a redirection of the balance of the Jersey Car Parking financial return to IHE, after funding of revenue items.

2. Background

Jersey Car Parking (JCP) was set up as a standalone Trading Operation under the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2005 to administer, manage and maintain the Island's car parks. Since the inception of JCP in the late 1990's an annual financial return has been made. In the initial years this was to the former Public Services Committee, in later years this was to general States Revenues before reverting back to IHE following approval by the States of proposition P.140/2015 Concessionary bus passes for the disabled. In the financial envelope the minimum Financial Return is set at £1.7m.

Concessionary bus scheme contributions over the last 3 years have been:

2021	1,020.00
2020	874,647
2019	988,000

The funding from the Car Parks return is to be used for Sustainable Transport initiatives in addition to disabled bus passes. The Sustainable Transport Policy (STP) provides a number of targets and goals for making safety improvements for pedestrians, cyclists and the travelling public. These targets and goals translate into STP initiatives which end up as projects on the ground. These projects can range from a small pedestrian safety improvement to a full village improvement scheme or new shared space facilities such as the St Peter's valley path or the Eastern Cycle network. All these schemes are designed for multi-users and ensure that disabled access is considered and encouraged.

3. Recommendation

The Minister is recommended to approve the budget transfer of up to £1,000,000 in 2022 from the IHE revenue head of expenditure to the IHE Road Safety Improvements Capital Head of Expenditure (Q00MF15037) being a redirection of the balance of the Jersey Car Parking financial return to the States, after funding of revenue items

4. Reason for Decision

Article 18(1)(a) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 states that a specified amount appropriated for one head of expenditure may, with the approval of the Minister for Treasury and Resources, be used for the purposes of another head of expenditure that is set out in the government plan.

Article 18(4) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 states that the Minister shall give the States Assembly at least 4 weeks' notice before an amount is transferred under paragraph (1)(a).

Article 18(5) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 states that if a direction under this Article would affect a head of expenditure that relates to the responsibilities of any Minister, that Minister must be consulted before the direction is made. The Ministers have been consulted.

A proposition (P.60/1999) lodged on 11 May 1999, and approved on 29 June 1999, approved the introduction of a Sustainable Transport Policy. A subsequent proposition (P.147.2004) was approved on 19 October 2004, which approved the necessary legislative changes to allow the raising of income from parking charges in excess of the sums required to maintain and operate the Car Parking Trading Fund. Any additional income raised in this way was to be allocated for the funding of transport initiatives such as the bus service and highway maintenance.

5. Resource Implications

After the Jersey Car Parking financial return to the States and the funding of concessionary bus passes from the IHE Revenue Head of Expenditure, the remaining budget from the JCP Financial Return will be transferred to the IHE Road Safety Improvements capital head of expenditure (Q00MF15037) increasing it by up to £1,000,000 in 2022.