

Treasury and Exchequer Ministerial Decision Report

ALLOCATION OF RESERVE FUNDING FOR ROYAL VISIT IN 2024

1. Purpose of Report

To enable the Minister to approve the allocation of up to £400,000 from the Central Reserve to the head of expenditures in the table below to fund the planned activities for the Royal visit.

2. Background

Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla will visit Jersey on 15 July 2024. It will be the first time a reigning monarch has been to the Island since the late Queen's visit in 2005. The States Assembly has declared Monday 15 July a public holiday on the Island, to allow people to celebrate the visit.

Additional funding is required to enable the departments to meet the costs associated with the organisation of the visit and to fund ceremonial activities to receive Their Majesties and to commemorate the occasion. Funds will be used to meet the costs set out in the table below. It is anticipated that up to 20,000 Islanders will participate in the events surrounding the visit.

Head of Expenditure	Detail	Amount (£)
Bailiff's Chambers	Communications to promote the visit, display and branding of the royal visit, information leading up to the visit, informing the public about Jersey's links with the Sovereign, and live streaming of the visit in St Helier only	100,000
	Infrastructure arrangement covering seating, sanitation, safety measures, marquees, road closure signage etc.	60,000
	Transport and logistics for the visit - including parish transport and logistics for infrastructure	30,000
	Catering for the tea party for up to 340 guests, refreshments for all guests within the secure areas, refreshment stations for school children bussed in.	10,000
	Exhibitor's fund to enable exhibitors professionally display information related to the subject. Allowing the exhibitor to access resources that may not be available to them during usual operation and that can be reused for future events.	50,000
	Fees to contractors and third parties assisting with planning and delivery of the visit this includes first aid and other providers. By using external contractors this provides resilience and expertise that is specific to event management at the anticipated scale of 20,000 people.	80,000
SOJP	Off Island (mutual aid) support for SOJP, and overtime costs.	70,000
TOTAL		400,000

3. Recommendation

The Minister is recommended to approve the allocation up to £400,000 from the Central Reserve as detailed above and for the purposes set out in this report.

4. Reason for Decision

Article 15(3) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 states that the approval by the States of a Government Plan authorises the Minister to direct how an approved appropriation for a reserve head of expenditure in the plan may be spent (including on another head of expenditure) in the first financial year covered by the plan.

The current Procedures for Allocations from the Reserve, presented to the States Assembly as R.76/2022, sets out the requirements for allocations from the General Reserve. In this case, the Minister has directed that the allocation should be based on the written request for funding made by the Bailiff.

5. Resource Implications

The Central Reserve – General Reserve will decrease by up to £400,000 in 2024, while the Bailiff's Chambers head of expenditure will increase by up to £330,000, and the States of Jersey Police head of expenditure will increase by up to £70,000. Funding will be released to match the actual cost incurred up to the amount allocated by this decision.

This decision does not change the total amount of expenditure approved by the States in the Government Plan 2024-27.

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