

Treasury and Exchequer Ministerial Decision Report

TRANSFER FUNDING FROM THE INFRASTRUCTURE HEAD OF EXPENDITURE TO ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS HEAD OF EXPENDITURE

1. Purpose of Report

To enable the Minister to approve the transfer of up to £1,000,000 in 2024 from the Infrastructure Head of Expenditure to the IHE Road Safety Improvements Head of Expenditure (P-300107) being a redirection of the balance of the Jersey Car Parking financial return to Infrastructure, 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 1990s 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 Infrastructure, Housing & Environment. This is now facilitated through the Infrastructure Department.

P.147/2004 proposed that income in excess of the sums required to maintain and operate the Car Parking Trading Fund should be allocated to the [then] Environment and Public Services Committee for the funding of transport initiatives such as the bus service and highway maintenance. Such qualifying items have included village improvement schemes, the Eastern Cycle Network, and the shared pedestrian and cyclist path in St. Peter's valley.

Some expenditure, such as the implementation of traffic calming measures or provision of bus-related infrastructure to promote the Sustainable Island Transport Policy (P.60/1999), contain capital elements. Facilitating the redirection of this revenue budget to this particular Head of Expenditure can thus better reflect the nature of such expenditure, whilst being within the parameters of P.147/2004.

3. Recommendation

The Minister is recommended to approve the transfer of up to £1,000,000 in 2024 from the Infrastructure revenue Head of Expenditure to the IHE Road Safety Improvements capital Head of Expenditure (P-300107). This is a redirection of usage of the Jersey Car Parking financial return to the States of Jersey, after funding applicable revenue expense on transport initiatives.

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 Minister for Infrastructure has 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 Jersey 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.

4. Resource Implications

The Infrastructure Head of Expenditure is limited to receipt of up to £1,700,000, to be drawn down for applicable transport initiatives.

Where this revenue source cannot be utilised within the Departmental Head of Expenditure, this Ministerial Decision will enable any unutilised funds, up to a value of £1,000,000, to be transferred to the Road Safety Improvements Head of Expenditure (P-300107) for 2024.

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