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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(6th Meeting)

21st September 2018**PART A (Non-Exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Senator I.J. Gorst, Minister for External Relations, Senator T.A. Vallois, Minister for Education and Connétable L. Norman of St. Clement, Minister for Home Affairs, from whom apologies had been received.

Senator J.A.N Le Fondré, Chief Minister
 Senator S.Y. Mézec, Minister for Housing
 Senator L.J. Farnham, Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture
 Deputy J. Young, Minister for the Environment
 Deputy R.J. Renouf of St. Ouen, Minister for Health and Social Services
 Deputy K.C. Lewis of St. Saviour, Minister for Infrastructure
 Deputy C.F. Labey, Minister for International Development
 Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier, Minister for Social Security
 Deputy S.J. Pinel of St. Clement, Minister for Treasury and Resources

In attendance -

C. Parker, Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 A. Metcalfe, Director of Constitutional Affairs and Justice Policy - Strategic Policy, Performance and Population
 S. Hardwick, Director of Communications
 M. Clark, Clerk to the Council of Ministers

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A only.

Council of Ministers:
 Proposed Common Strategic Policy 2018-22 – decision to lodge ‘*au Greffe.*’
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A1. The Council, with the Chief Executive and the Director of Constitutional Affairs and Justice Policy in attendance, reviewed the proposed Common Strategic Policy 2018-2022.

The Council recalled that it was obliged, under Article 18(2)(e) of the States of Jersey Law 2005, to agree and, within 4 months of its appointment, lodge for referral to one or more Scrutiny Panels established under Standing Orders, a statement of its Common Strategic Policy.

Since taking office on 7th June 2018, Ministers and Assistant Ministers had developed the Common Strategic Policy together in a series of workshops and policy groups, focussing on the challenges that the Island faced, the concerns expressed during the elections and the Council’s shared political ambitions.

The Council considered that the proposed Common Strategic Policy set out its common vision for its term of government and the priority areas on which it would focus to make Jersey a better place to live, work, play, do business and visit:

- Putting Children first;

- Improving Islanders' wellbeing and mental and physical health;
- Creating a sustainable, vibrant economy and skilled local workforce for the future;
- Reducing income inequality and improving the standard of living; and
- Protecting and valuing the environment.

The Council acknowledged that the Common Strategic Policy represented the first step in a long-term plan, setting out its strategic priorities for the next 4 years. This would be followed by a detailed, fully costed Government Plan for 2020-23, to be lodged in June 2019.

It was noted that a foreword by the Chief Minister would be added to the final document prior to publication.

The Council accordingly approved the proposed Common Strategic Policy 2018-22, subject to minor amendments, and directed that it should be lodged '*au Greffe*' on 3rd October 2018, for consideration by Scrutiny and debate by the States Assembly on 20th November 2018.

The Council expressed its thanks to the officers involved in the process to date.