

PM/MH/146

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(75th Meeting)

16th May 2017

(Business conducted by electronic mail)

**PART A (Non-exempt)**

All members were present.

Senator I.J. Gorst, Chief Minister  
 Senator L.J. Farnham, Minister for Economic Development, Tourism,  
 Sport and Culture  
 Deputy R.G. Bryans of St. Helier, Minister for Education  
 Deputy S.G. Luce of St. Martin, Minister for the Environment  
 Senator Sir P.M. Bailhache, Minister for External Relations  
 Senator A.K.F. Green, M.B.E, Minister for Health and Social Services  
 Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Peter, Minister for Home Affairs  
 Deputy A.E. Pryke of Trinity, Minister for Housing  
 Deputy E.J. Noel of St. Lawrence, Minister for Infrastructure  
 Deputy S.J. Pinel of St. Clement, Minister for Social Security  
 Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Treasury and Resources

In attendance -

Senator P.F. Routier, M.B.E., Assistant to the Chief Minister  
 Deputy S.M. Wickenden of St. Helier, Assistant to the Chief Minister  
 A. Hamon, Policy Officer – Social Policy, Department of Community  
 and Constitutional Affairs  
 P. Monamy, Clerk to the Council of Ministers

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A and Part B.

Draft  
 Disability  
 Strategy for  
 Jersey.  
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A1. The Council considered a draft Disability Strategy for Jersey which it was recalled was a commitment in the Strategic Plan endorsed by the States.

The Council recognised that the key outcome of the strategy was to ensure that people living with disability in Jersey enjoyed a good quality of life. The 4 key principles upon which the strategy was based were –

- that it was a strategy for the Island, owned by the Island;
- that it endorsed the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
- that it opened up a dialogue on disability; and
- that it placed accessibility at the heart of everything – accessibility being considered to be the first barrier to equality for many disabled individuals.

The Council also noted that the strategy was grouped into 5 priorities, namely –

1. Support to communicate and access information.
2. Greater access to the Island.
3. Good health and well-being.

4. Access to education, employment and enriching activities.
5. Equal rights and to experience equality.

Having noted the associated actions which would flow from each of the above-mentioned priorities, the Council accordingly endorsed the strategy and decided to present it to the States for their information on 26th May 2017.

The officer were directed to take the necessary action.