

# **STATES OF JERSEY**

## **Department of the Environment**

### **Medium Term Work Plan**

**2012 to 2014**

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## **Foreword**

A high quality environment is at the heart of all of our lives. A good environment is one of the key ingredients to Jersey and why we all love to live, work and play here. A healthy environment underpins a strong economy, a happier and healthier lifestyle and a more diverse and robust ecosystem.

It is my intention as the Minister for Planning and the Environment, to ensure that the environment is not forgotten. Jersey has already signalled its commitment to a number of International Environmental commitments. These and the environment they seek to enhance must not be taken for granted and must be at the forefront of our decision making along with social and economic issues.

The key challenge is managing the requirements of an increasing population against their resource requirements, whilst maintaining key ecosystem services and the need to recognise and manage the social, economic and environmental interactions.

On a small Island, the issues of good spatial planning and meeting development needs, whilst protecting eco-system services and the natural and historic environment, will always be a challenge.

To maintain economic diversity, there is a desire to sustainably expand economic growth in sectors dependent on the environment such as fisheries and farming, so that natural resources are protected for future generations as well as maintaining a vibrant town centre and Parish communities.

It is likely that energy prices will continue to rise in the future. The need to develop more secure and sustainable energy supplies is a challenge which might be partially met by natural, renewable energy resources in the medium to long term when technology and economic feasibility is proven. The role of government to develop these resources or to facilitate private development needs to be considered.

The regulation of clean air and water, waste management, natural habitats and special places and buildings is a challenge against a requirement for increased housing and economic growth. Overall economic, social and environmental decision making needs to be co-ordinated to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

The provision of housing is a key challenge for the Island in the face of increased demand. Housing in Jersey is an expensive commodity and there is a need to ensure that a greater proportion of new homes in the Island are more affordable.

In this document, I set out my department's priorities over my Ministerial term to deliver on my environmental manifesto. I also outline the legislation changes and States propositions I intend to bring to progress this work.

**Deputy R.C. Duhamel, Minister for Planning and Environment**

**April 2012**

## Headlines

1. **Deliver the new Island Plan and a range of new and revised supplementary planning guidance to support and complement the new Plan, including;**
  - a. development briefs for the regeneration of States-owned land to deliver, in particular, affordable homes
  - b. the detailed mechanism for the delivery of affordable homes, as a proportion of private residential development
  - c. action areas and development frameworks for other regeneration areas, such as those in the North of Town masterplan area
2. **Develop an Energy White Paper to deliver a Low Carbon Economy**
3. **Further the work of the Energy Efficiency Service**
4. **Develop an Air Quality Action Plan**
5. **Develop a Contaminated Land Strategy**
6. **Develop a Climate Change Adaptation Plan (to follow Energy Policy)**
7. **Review of the Wildlife Law**
8. **New Landscape Strategy and Environmental Action Plan and Coastal National Park Management plan**
9. **Delivery of the Rural Economy Strategy (2011-2015) and a Review of Countryside and the Rural Economy**
10. **Delivery and implementation of the Fisheries and Marine Resources Strategy**
11. **Planning System Review, to include a new Appeals system and a change to the planning law and regulations**
12. **Integrated Coastal Management Strategy delivery and Ramsar management plans**
13. **Continued regulation across built and natural environments, including water, waste, animal health, plant health, planning and building, biodiversity and the 800 square mile territorial sea**
14. **Continued provision of weather services (forecasting, observing and climate monitoring) across the Channel Islands.**
15. **Various updates to Animal Health legislation**
16. **Further building bye law improvements**
17. **Further work on pollution prevention and the diffuse pollution project**
18. **Develop the States "Environmental Conscience" in all that we do and ensure greater coordination of environmentally based policies across the States and to further strategy alignment by consolidating environmental policies such as land, air, waste, and transport together**
19. **Continue to lead and co-ordinate the Eco-Active States programme to bring about environmental improvement and efficiency savings for the States of Jersey**
20. **Delivery of a comprehensively reviewed historic environment protection regime, where all of the Island's heritage assets are appropriately designated and protected, and where their value is clear and understood**
21. **Delivery of a new virtual 3D model for St Helier that is accurate, up-to-date and sustainable, based on the Island's geographic information system**

## The year 2012

### Environment Policy

- Energy White Paper: Jersey imports the majority of its energy and is highly dependant on hydrocarbon energy sources but under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol Jersey must reduce carbon emissions. The draft Energy White Paper aims to achieve secure, affordable and sustainable energy supplies against a backdrop of inevitable global rising prices and increasing global energy insecurity. Key aspects are the long term exploitation of offshore renewable energy, demand management and better functioning energy markets
- Draft the legislative framework for the long-term exploitation of renewable energy e.g. tidal and off-shore wind power is being developed in order to ensure that the key risks around utility scale renewable energy exploitation i.e. environmental, navigational and health and safety are managed
- Demand management is critical in delivering the goal of the energy policy. The Eco-Active Energy Efficiency Service will continue to target socio-economically vulnerable islanders, providing grant assistance for energy efficiency measures. In 2012 it will also investigate how the service can extend into other sectors like the able-to –pay market in order to bring about further environmental benefits, and to investigate methods of encouraging responsible environmental behaviours
- In conjunction with the Department of Health and Social Services, bring forward an Air Quality Action Plan to ensure Jersey’s compliance with inter alia The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, UN Vienna convention for the protection of the ozone layer and The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and OSPAR Convention
- The ECO-ACTIVE campaign provides bespoke local information in order to promote environmentally conscious decision making in all sectors. In 2012 it will continue to implement environmental improvement in the States of Jersey as an organisation as well as extending into the rural sector
- The adoption of local bespoke legislation to implement the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) locally in December 2011 will bring the implementation of the new regime following the appointed day act in 2012

### Planning Policy and Projects

- Develop, revise and renew supplementary planning guidance (SPG) to complement the new Island Plan, including;
  - a mechanism for delivery of affordable homes by private sector;
  - development briefs for States-owned land that will enable the delivery of affordable homes
- Renew the urban environment including;

- delivery of the North of Town masterplan involving the development of action area planning frameworks for areas in the North of Town and other key regeneration sites;
  - facilitating St Helier regeneration on the Waterfront, States-owned land and other key regeneration sites through masterplans and development briefs
- Work with parishes/ local communities, to deliver local planning, through the development of village plans, local development plans, design guidance or other planning guidance that serves their needs
  - Ensure greater policy integration in decision-making through more active engagement with;
    - the development control section, in the assessment of planning applications, and in briefings on new guidance and policies;
    - the Minister and Planning Applications Panel on matters of planning policy
  - Review of potential amendments required to Planning and Building Law, and other subordinate legislation, to ensure up datedness and robustness, including;
    - review of potential amendments required to principal law;
    - review Island Plan Order, following a review of the process undertaken to deliver the 2011 Island Plan;
    - review of Environmental Impact Assessment Order, to ensure Multi-Lateral Environmental Agreements (MEA) compliance;
    - review of potential to introduce secondary legislation to support mandatory application of Strategic Environmental Assessment
  - Work with others in the Department of the Environment and Transport and Technical Services Department (TTS), to develop a more effective tree and landscape protection regime
  - Complete the Island-wide Historic Environment resurvey in 2012 and commence the process of formal designation, on the basis of new survey data.
  - Introduce the Island's first conservation areas in St Helier
  - Develop, with other stakeholders, including the Societe Jersiaise, a conservation/ management plan for the internationally significant archaeological site of La Cotte de St Brelade
  - Continue to explore, with other heritage stakeholders, the potential for a World Heritage Site pan-Channel Island bid, based on the islands' fortifications
  - Develop, with Jersey Heritage and Education Sport and Culture, a framework for the progression of proposals for the introduction of new legislation for the protection of archaeological artefacts
  - Ensure, with other key stakeholders, robust and sustainable platforms for the maintenance of the Jersey Digital Map and the Jersey Land and Property Index, including the potential for their management as a corporate asset, together with the renewal of the contract with a commercial mapping partner
  - Develop a virtual 3d model for St Helier

## **Environmental Management and Rural Economy**

- Explore options to better support Environmental Management and Rural Economy operations by consolidating budgets and functions within a single government department
- Deliver the new Coastal National Park Policy and management plan, within a wider landscape strategy
- Review of the Wildlife Law to enable greater protection and enhancement of habitats, landscape and biodiversity
- Delivery of a new landscape strategy and environmental action plan for the Island
- Delivery of the Rural Economy Strategy (2011-2015) and ongoing review of the Countryside and the Rural economy functions to ensure we structure our support to the rural sector in a way which promotes productivity and environmental performance and ensures we enhance footpaths and access infrastructure
- Endeavour to achieve EU disease free status for cattle in Jersey
- Updates to the Animal Health legislation which will necessitate input from stakeholders (livestock farmers, vets) e.g. for Diseases of Animals Law
- Drafting of legislation for the long term sustainable exploitation of aquatic resources and drafting updates to Fisheries (Jersey) Law (1994) and five sets of subordinate regulations. Review EU legislation to ensure international obligations fulfilled
- Deliver research and development, service, policy and regulation under bilateral agreements (e.g. Fisheries Management Agreement, Agreement concerning fishing in the Bay of Granville (Granville Bay Treaty) and International agreements (e.g. Ramsar, ASCOBANS, OSPAR)
- Renegotiate the Fisheries Management Agreement with UK (including devolved administrations) and negotiate Fisheries Management Agreement with other neighbouring jurisdictions
- Develop Memorandums of Understanding with the Marine management Organisation and with the Bailiwick Fisheries Management Commission in respect of licensing, enforcement and marine environment science and management
- Develop strategy for marine spatial planning for Jersey territorial waters to allow informed and appropriate planning of activities in the marine environment (e.g. renewable energy)
- Develop and implement strategies and Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM), including the implementation of Marine Strategy Framework Directive and other relevant EU directives, Aquaculture Strategy, Ramsar Management Plans

- Investigation of Marine Park with French and other CI partners
- Continued regulation under the Agricultural Land Law, Agricultural Marketing Law, Animals Law, Animal Welfare Law, Artificial Insemination of Domestic Animals Law, Conservation of Wildlife Law, Dangerous Wild Animals Law, Diseases of Animals Law, European Communities Legislation Law, Fertilisers and Feedstuffs Law, Food and Environmental Protection Act, Plant Health Law, Sea Fisheries Law, 1894 Loi sur la coupe et la peche des vraics, Sea Beaches law, Protection of Agricultural Land Law, Slaughter of Animals Law, Weeds Law

### **Environmental Protection (EP)**

- Continued regulation under the Water (Jersey) Law 1972 as amended, Pesticides (Jersey) Law 1991, Water Pollution (Jersey) Law 2000, Waste Management (Jersey) Law 2005, Water Resources (Jersey) Law 2007
- Develop a strategy for implementing the EU Water Framework Directive and the EU Marine Strategy Directive in Jersey. These Directives represent a recognised EU approach toward the protection, improvement and sustainable use of the Island's inland and coastal waters. The Directives were recommended by the recent Scrutiny Review of Marine Waters. Current budget and manpower pressures faced by EP are likely to limit the extent of implementation. Chemical and ecosystem monitoring of St Aubin's Bay will commence in 2012 as part of the Water Framework Directive
- Ensure compliance with the new EU Bathing Water Directive (implement requirements for new standards and coordinate public beach signage with the Economic Development Department (EDD))
- Assist Transport and Technical Services Department, develop a strategy to replace the sewage treatment works so that it fully accords with best environmental practise
- Develop a Contaminated Land Strategy
- Appraisal of applications for Waste Management Licenses. Preparation and issuance of licenses designed to prevent pollution for all TTS La Collette and Bellozanne sites and sites where the applicant is the site owner
- Continued regulation of licensed waste sites (e.g. Energy from Waste plant and Mascot Motors). The administration and regulation of trans-frontier shipments, registration and movement of hazardous wastes and the submission of a new Duly reasoned Request for the export of hazardous waste from Jersey
- Continued targeting of diffuse pollutants such as nutrient (esp. nitrates), pesticides and associated soil run-off through the 'Diffuse Pollution Project'. Associated preparation of farm environmental plan as identified by the Rural Economy Strategy (RES)
- Work with and regulate Jersey Water to enable them to deliver wholesome water in a sustainable way and continue to manage and understand water resources



- Develop coordinated management and wise use of the island' finite water resources, including developing a water balance for the island (as highlighted by the recent potential drought)
- Continued prevention of the introduction or spread of pests, plant disease and injurious weeds. Business Planning to ensure Agricultural Inspection delivers value for money and targeted protection of the Environment

### **Development Control**

- Planning Review will include a new Appeals system, more permitted development, IT, Online Planning capability, electronic storage of documents, and a greater performance culture
- Continued planning regulation across the natural and built environments under the Planning and Building Law and High Hedges Law

### **Building Control**

- Continued regulation of the building byelaws
- Update and publish improved guidance for the submission of structural design certificates
- Update and publish technical guidance relating to the fire safety requirements
- Update and publish revised technical guidance relating to access and use of buildings
- Consult on changes to the technical guidance relating to drainage

### **Meteorological Service**

- Continued provision of a public weather service, shipping forecast and aviation forecasts across the Channel Islands
- Implement recommendations of Met review
- New Aviation Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Guernsey (effective 2013)
- More joined up working with Guernsey including a Joint Website
- Upgrade Weather Radar (phased over 2012 and 2013) to meet new UK & European standards
- Forecaster Training programme (appropriate and extensive and will span over the 3 years)

### **Department wide**

- Develop greater coordination of environmentally based policies across the States and explore a consolidated approach to environmental policies such as land, air, waste and transport, within a single government department
- We will be implementing International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and new financial directions
- Medium term financial plan produced for revenue and longer term capital plan
- We will work with the Chief Minister to change the title of the Minister to the “Minister for the Environment” as per recent departmental name changes and work to consolidate environmental work within the department

### **Propositions planned to be lodged**

- **Affordable housing policy mechanism and review of Category A homes definition;**
- **Any emergent Village Plan proposals for new housing development with the defined Built-up Area boundary**
- **Energy White Paper**
- **Air Quality Action Plan**
- **Review of the Wildlife Law**
- **New Merits Based Planning Appeal system**
- **Planning Law changes**
- **Change in Ministerial Portfolios (Rural/Fisheries/Energy)**
- **Animal Health Legislation updates, including Welfare in Transit, Aquatic Animal Health, Vet Checks Directive, TSE Regulations, Animal By Products**
- **Further marine resources legislative changes, to cover living aquatic resources, seaweed regulation, EU control regulations**
- **Revised Fisheries Management Agreement between Jersey/UK**

### **Legislation to be brought /changed**

- **Review of Diseases of Animals Law**
- **Animal health – Welfare in transit**
- **Aquatic Animal Health**
- **Vet Checks directive**
- **TSE Regulations**
- **Animal By Products**
- **Ministerial title and portfolio**
- **Amendment to the Planning and Building Law, including;**
  - **liability of certifiers (building control) and;**

- other minor planning amendments;
- Review of other planning and building legislation including;
  - Island Plan Order
  - Environmental Impact Order
- Potential development of SEA legislation
- Living Aquatic resources
- Marine resources – EU Control regimes

## **The year 2013**

### **Environment Policy**

- Following the adoption of an Energy Policy, develop a Climate Change Adaptation Plan to ensure resilience is incorporated into policy and decision making in recognition of a changing climate
- Deliver agreed energy reduction targets through the continuation and expansion of the work of the Eco-Active Energy Efficiency Service. Including the further assistance of core groups and identifying mechanisms and incentives to reduce carbon emissions and take up zero carbon energy solutions
- Assist the Department to carry out a review of relevant EU legislation in relation to specific business areas
- Develop and deliver (in partnership with EDD and the private sector) a strategy for a Low Carbon Economy to maximize inward investment and Cleantech opportunities and a 'green workforce. In particular scope the role of government in procuring the most environmentally beneficial technologies either in States of Jersey Projects or in other sector investment e.g. the utilities
- Eco-Active programme to focus on ensuring the roll-out of the Eco-Active States programme remains successful as owned by individual departments
- Deliver regulation under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Law

### **Planning Policy and Projects**

- Ensure establishment of efficient and effective monitoring regime to respond to change required of the planning policy framework provided by the Island Plan
- Continue to develop, revise and renew supplementary planning guidance to complement the new Island Plan
- Renewing the urban environment including;
  - delivery of the North of Town masterplan involving the development of action area planning frameworks for areas in the North of Town and other key regeneration sites;
  - facilitating St Helier regeneration on the Waterfront, States-owned land and other key regeneration sites through masterplans and development briefs
- Work with parishes/ local communities, to deliver local planning, through the development of village plans, local development plans, design guidance or any other planning guidance that serves their needs
- Ensuring greater policy integration in decision-making through more active engagement with;

- the development control section, in the assessment of planning applications, and in briefings on new guidance and policies;
- the Minister and Planning Applications Panel on matters of planning policy
- Review of potential amendments required to Planning and Building Law, and other subordinate legislation, to ensure up datedness and robustness
- Complete the process of formal designation, on the basis of new survey data, of the Island's heritage assets
- Introduce further conservation areas within St Helier
- Implement, with other stakeholders, including the Societe Jersiaise, a conservation/ management plan for the internationally archaeologically significant site of La Cotte de St Brelade
- Continue to explore, with other heritage stakeholders, the potential for a World Heritage Site pan-Channel Island bid, based on the islands' fortifications
- Progress, with Jersey Heritage and Education Sport and Culture (ESC), new legislation for the protection of archaeological artefacts
- Develop a research framework for archaeology in Jersey
- Continue to develop archaeological protection regime, including that for the marine environment
- Greater promotion and awareness raising of historic environment, including introduction of Historic Environment Record system
- Develop strategy to deliver better energy rating for Listed buildings
- Develop Jersey Architecture Commission (JAC) into a more stand alone body

### **Environmental Management and Rural Economy**

- Delivery of the Rural Economy Strategy (2011-2015) and ongoing review of the Countryside and the Rural economy functions to ensure we structure our support to the rural sector in a way which promotes productivity and environmental performance and ensures we enhance footpaths and access infrastructure
- Review exotic disease contingency plans
- Various updates to Animal Health legislation which will necessitate input from stakeholders (livestock farmers, vets) e.g. for Diseases of Animals Law
- Drafting of subordinate legislation for the long term sustainable exploitation of aquatic resources and drafting updates to main Law and subordinate regulations. Full review of EU CFP legislation to ensure international obligations fulfilled.

- Develop research, monitoring and licensing strategy for sustainable exploitation of aquatic resources
- Continue with service and deliver policy, regulation and Research and Development (R&D) under bilateral agreements and International agreements
- Develop and implement Marine Spatial Planning including network of Marine Protected Areas
- Deliver Ramsar Management Plans Monitoring Strategy
- Deliver recommendations from Section and Industry Strategy and Reviews
- Develop with the Chief Minister's Department and Law Officer Department strategy for joint Marine Park with French (and other Channel Islands) and provide Chief Minister with policy recommendations. Implement decisions
- Continued regulation under the Agricultural Land Law, Agricultural Marketing Law, Animals Law, Animal Welfare Law, Artificial Insemination of Domestic Animals Law, Conservation of Wildlife Law, Dangerous Wild Animals Law, Diseases of Animals Law, European Communities Legislation Law, Fertilisers and Feedstuffs Law, Food and Environmental Protection Act, Plant Health Law, Sea Fisheries Law, 1894 Loi sur la coupe et la peche des vraics, Sea Beaches law, Protection of Agricultural Land Law, Slaughter of Animals Law, Weeds Law

### **Environmental Protection**

- Continued regulation under the Water (Jersey) Law, 1972 as amended, Pesticides (Jersey) Law, 1991, Water Pollution (Jersey) Law, 2000, Waste Management (Jersey) Law, 2005, Water Resources (Jersey) Law 2007
- Implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) and the EU Marine Strategy Directive according to the agreed strategy and available funding and manpower. Classification of St Aubin's Bay according to the WFD. Refinement of monitoring of water and ecological quality of marine waters as defined by the Directives. Implement monitoring programme for the island's surface and ground waters according to the WFD
- Ensure compliance with the new EU Bathing Water Directive (ongoing monitoring of new standards)
- Appraisal of applications for Waste Management Licenses. Preparation and issuance of licenses designed to prevent pollution for all sites where the applicant is not the site owner
- Continued regulation of licensed waste sites, the administration and regulation of trans-frontier shipments and the registration and movement of hazardous wastes

- Working with and regulating Jersey Water to enable them to deliver wholesome water in a sustainable way and continue to manage and understand water resources
- In partnership with Environmental Management and Rural Economy (EMRE), ensure that all farms on the island have and adhere to farm environmental plans. Continuation of farmer engagement and training to secure compliance through the Diffuse Pollution Plan (DPP)
- Continued promotion of pollution prevention initiatives
- Continued prevention of the introduction or spread of pests, plant disease and injurious weeds

### **Development Control**

- Planning Review will include a new Appeals system, more permitted development, IT, Online capability, and a greater performance culture
- Continued planning regulation across the natural and built environments under the Planning and Building Law and High Hedges Law

### **Building Control**

- Continued regulation of the building byelaws
- Update and publish new technical guidance for drainage, including grey water systems and water efficiency
- Update and publish new technical guidance relating to stairs and protective barriers

### **Meteorological Service**

- Continued provision of a public weather service, shipping forecast and aviation forecasts across the Channel Islands
- New Public Meteorological Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Guernsey (2014)
- Upgrade Weather Radar (phased over 2012 and 2013) to meet new UK & European standards

### **Department wide**

- Delivery of Year 3 of Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR), 500K planned savings from net budget

- Deliver accommodation solution for the department to enable collocation
- Wider workforce development across key disciplines to allow succession planning in an ageing workforce. Professions include Veterinary, Fisheries and Marine Biology, Entomology, Plant Pathology, Chartered Town Planning, Chartered Building Surveying, Chartered Waste Management, Meteorology, Agriculture and Horticulture, Hydrology, and Pollution expertise

### **Propositions planned to be lodged**

- **Climate change adaptation plan**
- **Further changes to planning law or new planning and building law– Appeals system**
- **Protection of archaeological artefacts**
- **Animal Health Legislation updates**
- **Fisheries management agreement with UK**

### **Legislation to be brought /changed**

- **Seaweed regulations**
- **Marine resources – EU Control regimes**
- **Offshore Renewable Energy Law**
- **Review of Electricity Act (Assist Economic Development as lead Department)**
- **Wildlife and Habitats Law**
- **Planning and Building Law – Appeals, Historic Environment and minor changes**
- **Protection of Archaeological Artefacts**
- **Minor Building bye-law amendments for drainage, including grey water systems and water efficiency.**



## **The year 2014**

### **Environment Policy**

- Continuation of Climate Change Adaptation work stream to ensure 'future proofing' i.e. - ensuring climate resilience is incorporated into States wide policy and decision-making
- Review of the Eco-Active programme and gap analysis to refocus for next 5 years
- Expansion of the Eco-Active Energy Efficiency Service and in particular delivery of projects (with partners) to enable low-carbon technology transfer
- Continuation of the Low Carbon Economy work stream (in parallel with EDD and private sector)
- Monitoring progress
- Deliver regulation under the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Law

### **Planning Policy and Projects**

- Implementation of efficient and effective monitoring regime to respond to change required of the planning policy framework provided by the Island Plan
- Continue to develop, revise and renew supplementary planning guidance to complement the new Island Plan
- Renewing the urban environment including;
  - delivery of the North of Town masterplan involving the development of action area planning frameworks for areas in the North of Town and other key regeneration sites;
  - facilitating St Helier regeneration on the Waterfront, States-owned land and other key regeneration sites through masterplans and development briefs
- Work with parishes/ local communities, to deliver local planning, through the development of village plans, local development plans, design guidance or any other planning guidance that serves their needs
- Ensuring greater policy integration in decision-making through more active engagement with;
  - the development control section, in the assessment of planning applications, and in briefings on new guidance and policies;
  - the Minister and Planning Applications Panel on matters of planning policy
- Review of potential amendments required to Planning and Building Law
- Introduce further conservation areas within St Helier
- Implement, with other stakeholders, including the Societe Jersiaise, a conservation/ management plan for the internationally archaeologically significant site of La Cotte de St Brelade

- Continue to explore, with other heritage stakeholders, the potential for a World Heritage Site pan-Channel Island bid, based on the islands' fortifications

### **Environmental Management and Rural Economy**

- Delivery of the Rural Economy Strategy (2011-2015) and ongoing review of the Countryside and the Rural economy functions to ensure we structure our support to the rural sector in a way which promotes productivity and environmental performance and ensures we enhance footpaths and access infrastructure
- 2014 review Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 2004 with stakeholders (vets, farmers, pet owners, licensed establishment proprietors)
- Drafting of subordinate legislation for the long term sustainable exploitation of aquatic resources and drafting updates to main Law and subordinate regulations. Review EU legislation to ensure international obligations fulfilled and to implement changes and additional regulations required to implement the revised Common Fisheries policy
- Continue with service and deliver policy, regulation and Research and Development (R&D) under bilateral agreements and International agreement
- Implement Marine Spatial Planning including network of Marine Protected Areas
- Deliver Ramsar Management Plans Monitoring Strategy
- Deliver recommendations from Section and Industry Strategy and Reviews
- Refit Marine Resources Patrol/Research Vessel
- Continued regulation under the Agricultural Land Law, Agricultural Marketing Law, Animals Law, Animal Welfare Law, Artificial Insemination of Domestic Animals Law, Conservation of Wildlife Law, Dangerous Wild Animals Law, Diseases of Animals Law, European Communities Legislation Law, Fertilisers and Feedstuffs Law, Food and Environmental Protection Act, Plant Health Law, Sea Fisheries Law, 1894 Loi sur la coupe et la peche des vraics, Sea Beaches law, Protection of Agricultural Land Law, Slaughter of Animals Law, Weeds Law

### **Environmental Protection**

- Continued regulation under the Water (Jersey) Law 1972 as amended, Pesticides (Jersey) Law 1991, Water Pollution (Jersey) Law 2000, Waste Management (Jersey) Law 2005, Water Resources (Jersey) Law 2007
- Implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive and the EU Marine Strategy Directive according to the agreed strategy and the available funding. Monitoring of water and ecological quality of inland waters as defined by the Directives

- Classification of the status of the island's surface and ground waters according to the WFD
- Ensure compliance with the new EU Bathing Water Directive (ongoing monitoring of new standards in preparation for classification after 2015 season). Ensure that all beach signage and public information requirements are in place
- Continued regulation and inspection of licensed waste sites
- Continued administration and regulation of trans-frontier shipments and registration and movement of hazardous wastes
- Working with and regulating Jersey Water to enable them to deliver wholesome water in a sustainable way and continue to manage and understand water resources
- In partnership with Environmental Management and Rural Economy (EMRE), ensure that all farms comply with the requirements of farm environmental plans. Continuation of farmer engagement, training to secure compliance through the Diffuse Pollution Plan (DPP). Develop a contingency plan regarding water catchment management areas in case DPP outputs do not deliver required reduction in nutrient loading of water
- Continued promotion of pollution prevention initiatives
- Continued prevention of the introduction or spread of pests, plant disease and injurious weeds

### **Development Control**

- Continued planning regulation across the natural and built environments under the Planning and Building Law and High Hedges Law

### **Building Control**

- Continued regulation of the building byelaws
- Update and publish new technical guidance relating to sound insulation
- Update and publish new technical guidance relating to energy efficiency of buildings

### **Meteorological Service**

- Continued provision of a public weather service, shipping forecast and aviation forecasts across the Channel Islands

- New Aviation (2013) and Public Meteorological (2014) Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Guernsey

**Propositions planned to be lodged**

- **Planning Law updates/renewal**
- **Review of Animal Welfare Law 2004**

**Legislation to be brought /changed**

- **Animal Welfare Law**
- **Planning and Building Law – Appeals, Historic Environment and minor changes**
- **Building bye law amendments - energy efficiency of buildings.**
- **Marine resources – European Union (EU) Technical Conservation regulations**

