

FUTURE PLACES MINISTERIAL GROUP

1. Purpose

The Future Places Ministerial Group (“FPMG”) will improve the governance, coordination, and delivery of improvements in Jersey’s built environment, including amenities, recognising the importance of this for the quality of life of Islanders.

The Group will respond to known challenges in connecting spatial and infrastructure planning; understanding the cumulative impact of development in a place; allocating government sites for development; and speeding up and sustaining a development pipeline.

2. Background

Under the Code of Conduct and Practice for Ministers and Assistant Ministers, ministerial groups of the Council of Ministers may be established to provide in-depth consideration of issues and topic areas. These groups should include the Minister’s whose portfolios relate to the issues under consideration.

Noting the above, the Chief Minister wishes to establish the “Future Places Ministerial Group”. The Group will enhance existing arrangements for the coordination of regeneration activities, notably, the Regeneration Steering Group (as established by the Assembly in 2010).¹

These enhanced arrangements respond to a range of reports and highlighted issues,² notably in relation to the need to unblock difficult decisions and expedite delivery, improve strategic-thinking, and enhance governance.

This includes a clear need to improve our urban environment, recognising that residents deserve neighbourhoods with which they are satisfied; and to translate this into action.

¹ [Propositions \(gov.je\)](https://www.gov.je/Propositions)

² Including States of Jersey Development Company (C&AG, June 2020); Estates Management Review (PAC, February 2021); Affordable Housing: supply and delivery (EH&I Scrutiny Panel, May 2021); RSG Functional Review (SPPP, January 2022); Government of Jersey Property Service Delivery Mechanism Review (JLL, January 2022).

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3. Scope

The scope of the Group is to:

- a) Ensure strong political oversight and direction for master-planning so we consider Jersey's future needs holistically and strategically, not one site at a time, focusing on better outcomes for Islanders.
- b) Increase the supply, choice and quality of homes available, and the environment in which they are placed
- c) Respond to known infrastructure challenges; and support value for money and affordability in developments; and improve outcomes by better long-term planning of future infrastructure improvements.
- d) Assure delivery of major development programmes, such as the hospital and Fort Regent, and think more systematically about the interdependencies between them and their cumulative impact on both our construction industry and our built environment.
- e) Providing a more comprehensive perspective to the Government asset planning, such as Schools, Sport etc.
- f) Jointly work with Andium, Ports of Jersey, States of Jersey Development Company, and other bodies owned or controlled by the public.
- g) Progress the development of sustainable community funding, with strong management, governance and allocation mechanisms.
- h) The functions and responsibilities of the Regeneration Steering Group where otherwise not covered in the above points.

4. Membership

- (i) Chief Minister
- (ii) Deputy Chief Minister (Chair on behalf of the Chief Minister)
- (iii) Minister for Infrastructure
- (iv) Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture

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- (v) Minister for Housing
- (vi) Minister for Environment
- (vii) Minister for Treasury and Resources
- (viii) Connetable of St Helier (and other Connetable where an agenda item relates to their parish)

In addition, the Chief Executive, and relevant senior officers to the above Ministers will be invited to the meeting, alongside representatives from Arms-Length Bodies (States of Jersey Development Company, Ports of Jersey, Andium Homes).

5. Meeting Frequency

The Group shall meet quarterly, or otherwise as required.

6. Record Keeping and Reporting

The meetings of the Council will be supported by staff of the Ministerial Office (agenda production, paper compilation and circulation, meeting arrangements, forward agenda plans, etc) and recorded as a formal minute.

The senior officer with responsibility of regeneration will be the lead policy officer for the group, working closely with the Ministerial Office, and other officers, on the commissioning of papers and the work programme for the Group.

The Group will publicly report their activity from time to time in line with the requirements of the Code of Conduct and Practice for Ministers and Assistant Ministers.