

General Information	
Ministerial Decision Type	Miscellaneous
Report Title	Paris Agreement of the United Nations Convention on Climate Change (the “Paris Agreement”) – Request for extension of UK ratification of the Paris Agreement to Jersey
Minister	Environment
Signatory	Minister
Lead Department	Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance (SPPP)
Lead Directorate	Strategy and Innovation (SPPP)
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Report and Supplemental Report Details	
Report Author	Sustainability & Foresight Team
Date of Report	22/03/2022
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Supplementary Report Author <i>(If applicable)</i>	Sustainability & Foresight team
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Relevant Scrutiny Report <i>(Only complete if presenting a ministerial response)</i>	Insert S.R. number.

Associated Law(s) and/or Subordinate Legislation	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change: Additional agreement to the Kyoto protocol of which the UK extended its ratification
Action required if recommendation agreed	Department to take necessary action.
Resource Implications	Delivery of the policies required for Jersey to meet the emissions reduction trajectory of the Paris Agreement as outlined in the Carbon Neutral Roadmap, if adopted.

### Introduction

- The Minister for the Environment, acting on behalf of the Government of Jersey, supports the decision to formally request extension of the UK's ratification of the Paris Agreement of the United Nations Convention on Climate Change to Jersey if the Carbon Neutral Roadmap is adopted by the States Assembly in April 2022.
- The Carbon Neutral Roadmap, lodged on 10 March 2022, lays out Jersey's proposed emission reduction trajectory aligned with the Paris Agreement and the proposed carbon reduction policies to deliver it. The formal extension of the Paris Agreement is anticipated to be in early May 2022.
- The Attorney General has completed their review of Jersey's ability to comply with its obligations in respect of the Paris agreement targets and has advised that the Agreement can now be extended to Jersey. The Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) in the UK government has also considered Jersey's compliance with the requirements and has confirmed that it will support its extension to Jersey.

### Recommendation

That the Minister for the Environment should take the necessary steps to allow for the extension of the UK's ratification of the Paris Agreement to Jersey in the scenario that the States Assembly adopt the Carbon Neutral Roadmap in April 2022. This decision is supported by the Minister for External Relations and Financial Services.

### Detail

- The Paris Agreement is a legally binding international treaty on climate change. It was adopted at COP21 in Paris in 2015. Its goal is to limit global warming to well below 2, preferably 1.5 degrees Celsius, compared to pre-industrial levels.
- Jersey had the extension of the Kyoto Protocol extended to it in 2006 and outlined its emission reductions policies in Pathway 2050: An Energy Plan for Jersey (P.48/2014).
- The Paris Agreement is a landmark in the multilateral climate change process. The agreement brings together all signatories for a common cause to undertake ambitious efforts to combat climate change and adapt to its effects.
- The UK ratified the Paris Agreement in 2016. At COP26 in Glasgow in 2021, the intention to extend the UK's ratification of the Paris Agreement to Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man was announced.
- The goals of the Agreement are aligned with Jersey's work to mitigate and adapt to climate change. In 2019, the States Assembly declared a climate emergency and published the Carbon Neutral Strategy. Since then, a 'Roadmap' has been developed in consultation with the community to outline the steps needed to reach net zero.
- The Carbon Neutral Roadmap lodged on 10 March 2022 proposes an ambitious emission reduction trajectory of 68% reduction by 2030 and 78% by 2035 in line with the Paris Agreement.
- An approved Ministerial decision is required as part of domestic processes to take the next steps towards the UK extending its ratification of the Paris Agreement to Jersey.