

## RESERVE FUNDING FOR DISCRIMINATION LAW AND SAFEGUARDING IN 2022

### 1. Purpose of Report

To enable the Minister to approve the allocation of up to £162,569 in 2022 from the Reserve for Centrally Held Items - Capital Smoothing Reserve to Discrimination Law and Safeguarding heads of expenditure, as detailed in the table in Resource Implications below.

### 2. Background

In the End of Year Flexibility Ministerial Decision (MD-TR-2022-0083) a review had been completed in consultation with the Executive Leadership Team and amounts were identified to be held centrally.

**“Held centrally until required during 2022** - where a transfer to 2022 has been requested for projects but there remains some uncertainty around cash flow timings, for example where they have budget allocations in the Government Plan 2022-2025, amounts have been provided in a newly formed “Capital Smoothing Reserve”, rather than transferring amounts to the project heads of expenditure. This provides certainty of funding in 2022 to enable delivery, whilst avoiding over-allocating budgets.

The allocations will be held centrally and following quarterly reviews of all projects, these budgets can either be allocated to the projects or, if no longer required to meet funding needs in 2022, released to the consolidated fund to further reduce the borrowing requirement.”

The Children, Young People, Education and Skills department have identified that this funding is now required in 2022 to complete various workstreams within the Discrimination Law and Safeguarding heads of expenditure.

### 3. Recommendation

The Minister is recommended to approve the allocation of up to £162,569 in 2022 from the Reserve for Centrally Held Items – Capital Smoothing Reserve to Discrimination Law and Safeguarding heads of expenditure, as detailed in the table above.

### 4. Reason for Decision

Article 15(3) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 states that the approval by the States of a Government Plan authorises the Minister to direct how an approved appropriation for a reserve head of expenditure in the plan may be spent (including on another head of expenditure) in the first financial year covered by the plan.

The current Policy for Allocations from the Reserve (published as R.76/2022) sets the requirement for all allocations from Reserve for Centrally Held Items to be reviewed by the Investment Appraisal Team who will provide the Treasurer of the States sufficient information to allow him to reach a decision to recommend the funding.

This allocation has been reviewed by the Investment Appraisal Team and the Treasurer now recommends this to the Minister for Treasury and Resources for approval.

## 5. Resource Implications

The Reserve for Centrally Held Items – Capital Smoothing Reserve to decrease by up to £162,569 and the Discrimination Law and Safeguarding heads of expenditure (FA0GP20002 and FA0GP21002) to increase by up to £124,892 and £37,677 respectively.

Head of Expenditure	Accountable Officer	IA Ref	Amount Held Centrally	This Drawdown	Remaining balance Held Centrally
FA0GP20002 - Discrimination Law, safeguarding	Rob Sainsbury	IA 22-048	124,892	124,892	-
FA0GP21002 - Discrimination law safeguarding	Rob Sainsbury	IA 22-048	155,760	37,677	118,083
FA0GP21002 - Discrimination law safeguarding	Andy Scate		333,000	-	333,000
Totals			<u>613,652</u>	<u>162,569</u>	<u>451,083</u>

This decision does not change the total amount of expenditure approved by the States in the Government Plan 2022-25.

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