

Treasury and Exchequer Ministerial Decision Report

TRANSFER OF DRIVER AND VEHICLE STANDARDS FROM ENVIRONMENT TO INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Purpose of Report

To enable the Minister to approve the transfer of up to £259,000 net revenue expenditure and 25.45 FTE from Environment to Infrastructure.

2. Background

Funding within the Government Plan for the Infrastructure, Housing and Environment department has now been split into two clear heads of expenditure under two Ministers, the Minister for Infrastructure (MINF) and the Minister for the Environment (MENV). Following a consultation with staff, the Chief Officer of IHE, has agreed an operational change to move Driver and Vehicle Standards (DVS) from IHE Regulation (within the Environment head of expenditure) to IHE Operations and Transport (within the Infrastructure head of expenditure). The switch is aimed at more clearly defining the Infrastructure and Environment portfolios.

Although, this is an operational change, all other matters remain the same for staff at DVS, including workplace, terms and conditions, job security, contracts, pay and roles. The move took effect from 1st January 2023.

The Driver and Vehicle Standards team has gross expenditure of £2,274,000 and gross income of £2,015,000 within the Government Plan 2023-2026, giving net revenue expenditure of £259,000.

3. Recommendation

The Minister is recommended to approve the transfer of up to £259,000 net revenue expenditure and 25.45 FTE from Environment to Infrastructure.

4. Reasons for Decision

Article 18(1)(a) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 states that a specified amount appropriated for one head of expenditure may, with the approval of the Minister for Treasury and Resources, be used for the purposes of another head of expenditure that is set out in the government plan.

Article 18(4) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 states that the Minister shall give the States Assembly at least 4 weeks' notice before an amount is transferred under paragraph (1)(a).

Article 18(5) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 states that if a direction under this Article would affect a head of expenditure that relates to the responsibilities of any Minister, that Minister must be consulted before the direction is made. The Ministers have been consulted.

To comply with P.67/1999 which charges the Minister for Treasury and Resources to regulate the number of persons that may be employed by the States.

5. Resource Implications

The Environment head of expenditure to decrease by up to £259,000 and the Infrastructure head of expenditure to increase by an identical amount. The approved FTE of Infrastructure to increase by 25.45 FTE and the approved FTE of Environment to decrease by an identical amount.

This decision does not change the total amount of expenditure approved by the States in the Government Plan 2023-2026. This transfer will be made on a recurring basis. For 2024 and beyond, the transfer will be reflected permanently in the next Government Plan.

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