

**REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE *FOR THE*
ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE
TO QUESTIONS ASKED PURSUANT TO RULE 14 OF THE
RULES OF PROCEDURE BY DEPUTY J. GOLLOP**

Question 1

What progress has been made in satisfying Resolution 2 of the Policy Letter entitled "Driving Licence Category D1 Not for Pay or Reward " i.e. to direct the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to the above decision to approve the introduction of a new driving licence category D1 Not for Pay or Reward (proposition Resolution 1)?

Answer

In April last year, the States of Deliberation agreed to introduce a new, restricted driving licence category to make it easier for the charitable sector to secure drivers for minibuses, should they meet the conditions required.

While this change has been agreed by the States, an amendment ordinance needs to be drafted, approved by the Committee *for the* Environment & Infrastructure and finally, approved by the States of Deliberation to bring this into effect.

Initial work to move this forward has started, but this work had to be paused to prioritise consideration of the Tax Reform work on transport taxes.

Question 2

Can the Committee give an indication of when the new proposals and legislation will come into effect and force?

Answer

At this stage, it is not possible to provide a definitive date for the completion of this work, especially noting that further legislation has to be approved by the States before coming into force. The Committee remains committed to progressing the necessary policy letter and legislation with support from St James' Chambers and is hopeful that the work can be concluded before the end of 2027. However, this timeframe will depend on the availability of resources and the extent to which the Committee may need to reprioritise work following the outcome of the Tax Reform debate.

Question 3

Does the Committee continue to agree to the importance of community transport in supporting vulnerable members of our island community and that there is a need to secure volunteers more than ever (policy letter summary).

Answer

The Committee recognises and values the significant contribution that the charitable sector makes to the wellbeing of islanders and the delivery of services across our community. Earlier this year, in response to a letter from the Policy & Resources Committee, the Committee supported the principles set out in the Charity Sector Manifesto and reaffirmed its commitment to maintaining a constructive and collaborative relationship with the sector.

The Committee remains committed to ongoing engagement with the charitable sector and to working in alignment with the Commissioning Framework, which seeks to strengthen partnership working.

Question 4

Will the Committee work with the Guernsey Disability Alliance and other volunteers and charities to action this legislation and inform the third sector community about the new opportunities?

Answer

The Committee will continue to work with the charitable sector and provide updates on the progression of this workstream at the appropriate times. The Committee appreciates the difference this change will make and appreciates the patience shown by the charitable sector while we continue to bring this into effect.

Question 5

I am aware the E and I Committee extensively flagged up this useful change and reform initially in October 2024. What issues have caused any delay to what may be a straightforward matter?

Answer

The Committee has a wide-ranging operational mandate and is responsible for ensuring that a substantial number of essential services are delivered effectively and efficiently for the benefit of the community. Alongside these day-to-day responsibilities, the Committee is progressing a number of policy developments, legislative changes and strategic projects. As with all areas of government, resources must be carefully

prioritised to ensure that operational obligations continue to be met while also delivering on wider strategic ambitions and international commitments.

The progression of this change is therefore being advanced alongside a broader programme of work, including the priorities set out in the Committee's recently published Work Plan. That Work Plan is structured around six key themes, one of which is sustainable transport and mobility and is in line with the agreed On-Island Integrated Transport Strategy.

Question 6

Is the E and I Committee aware that a significant number of clients to community group activities which alleviate feelings of loneliness and isolation, and promote wellness, are being denied access to meaningful life enhancing third sector social and therapeutic activities because of a shortage of volunteers for health and other reasons?

Answer

The Committee recognises the significant benefit that services provided by the charitable sector bring to the community, supporting a wide range of initiatives that enhance the lives of islanders. This change was originally brought forward in advance of a wider review of licensing legislation, reflecting the commitment to ensuring that the existing framework better supports and enables these valuable charitable activities while that broader review of legislation is undertaken.

Question 7

Will the E and I Committee be seeking if possible to impress upon the Law Officers and legislation the need for and any assistance and resources needed for prioritisation of this socially important and impactful legislation?

Answer

The Policy & Resources Committee oversees the States' legislative programme and each year brings forward a Policy Letter to the Assembly to endorse the order for the drafting of significant items of legislation for the following 12-month period.

As part of this annual process, in June 2026 the Assembly supported the 'D1 Not for Pay or Reward' work be given a high priority status. Since then, St James' Chambers has engaged with Traffic & Highway Services to confirm the scope of work required and has prepared an initial first draft of an Amendment Ordinance for review.

The Committee is therefore of the view that this piece of work has been appropriately considered through the established legislation prioritisation process and remains an

important commitment. The Committee is confident that, as the work progresses, it will continue to receive the necessary legal support and advice from St James' Chambers at the appropriate stages to facilitate the development and implementation of this legislative change.

The total amount of officer time spent compiling the information required to respond to these Rule 14 questions was 1.25 hours.

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