

ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

Constituted with effect from 1st May, 2004 by Resolutions of the States of 31st October 2003, 26th April 2006 and 12th March 2008.

CONSTITUTION

A Minister, who shall be a sitting member of the States.

Four members, who shall be sitting members of the States.

Up to 2 non-voting members nominated by the Department for election by the States, who shall not be sitting members of the States.

MANDATE

(a) To advise the States on matters relating to:

- Environmental policy including transport, energy and waste policy and policy for the conservation, enhancement and sustainable development of the natural and physical environment of the Island in accordance with the strategic economic, fiscal, environmental and social policies of the States;
- Policy on environmental monitoring;

and be responsible for:

- (i) The protection of the physical environment from activities that might otherwise compromise the well being of the community;
- (ii) The conservation and enhancement of the natural and semi-natural environment;
- (iii) Spatial/land use policy to enable the sustainable management of transport, energy resources, waste disposal and natural resources in accordance with the strategic policies of the States;
- (iv) Transport policy to enable the safe and efficient movement of people and goods around the Island including traffic management, road safety and the regulation of public transport;
- (v) The management of the natural and semi-natural environment of States owned land including sites of nature conservation importance, cliff paths, beaches, headlands, Lihou island and other public areas and parks, gardens and plantations;
- (vi) The promotion and coordination of environmental issues and initiatives;

- (vii) The provision of an integrated land use planning system including the processing of all development applications of all kinds (planning, building control, protected buildings and scheduled sites).
 - (viii) Vehicle registration and vehicle and driver licensing.
- (b) To contribute to the achievement of strategic and corporate objectives, both departmentally and as part of the wider States organisation by:
 - (i) Developing and implementing policies and legislation, as approved by the States, for the provision of services in accordance with this mandate; and
 - (ii) Actively supporting and participating in cross-departmental working as part of the States Strategic Plan process and ensuring that public resources are used to best advantage, through co-operative and flexible working practices.
- (c) To exercise the powers and duties conferred on it by extant legislation.
- (d) To exercise the powers and duties conferred on it by extant States resolutions, including all those resolutions, or parts of resolutions, which relate to matters for the time being within the mandate of the Environment Department and which conferred functions upon the former:
 - Board of Administration
 - Heritage Committee
 - Island Development Committee
 - Traffic Committee.
- (e) To be accountable to the States for the management and safeguarding of public funds and other resources entrusted to the Department.