

Future Guernsey – Priority Policy Area update (June 2019):

Future Guernsey Theme:	Our Quality of Life Our Community Our place in the World
Future Guernsey Outcome/s:	Safe and secure place to live Inclusive and equal Mature international identity
Priority Policy Area:	Justice Policy
Political Governance:	Committee <i>for</i> Home Affairs and the Policy & Resources Committee will be responsible for the delivery of the Justice Review as it progresses through 2019

Overview	
Brief overview:	<p>Justice Review</p> <p>The purpose of the Review is to support the development of justice policy for the Bailiwick which maintains a community that is safe and secure, inclusive and committed to social justice. The objective is to submit a Policy Letter to the States by the end of 2019, for consideration early 2020, outlining a blue print for future justice policy.</p> <p>This Review acknowledges the positive work contained within the Criminal Justice Strategy 2013-2020. It seeks to build on the solid foundations laid by the Strategy and supports the Justice Vision which is defined as “A justice system that contributes positively to the development of a responsible, tolerant and inclusive society, where everyone is safe and secure and the rights of victims are protected.”</p> <p>The Justice Review is being undertaken in three stages; establishing what we understand “justice” to encompass, where we are now, and where we would like to be in the future.</p> <p>Phase 1 The objective of Phase 1, which was delivered at the end 2018, was to establish the scope and governance structure of the Justice Review. This Phase was informed by a series of one-to-one meetings with identified stakeholders. The concluding summary report recommended that the Justice Review should focus on the core criminal justice institutions and their functions, before broadening out to consider the justice system more widely, its statutory framework, and its relationship with social justice and related policies.</p> <p>The Committee <i>for</i> Home Affairs, in partnership with the Policy & Resources Committee will be responsible for the governance and delivery of the Review. The future governance of Justice Policy will be outlined in the recommendations and findings of the Review to be considered by the States of Deliberation.</p>

	<p>Phase 1 recommended that the Review should be carried out by an independent expert, providing a crucial element of independent challenge and facilitation, but that the Review and its outcome should be fully overseen and owned at political, institutional and practitioner level by the Island.</p> <p>Phase 2 of the Review will seek to understand the effectiveness of existing criminal justice provision. There will be a focus on the eight justice outcomes identified as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying and tackling the causes of crime • A reduction in the levels of crime and fear of crime • Ensuring value for money services within the justice system • Increase confidence in justice institutions and processes • The promotion and delivery of the correct intervention at the right time • A reduction in re-offending • Identifying and confiscating the proceeds of crime • Recognising the links between justice policy and social policy <p>This will be achieved by collating and analysing already available quantitative information and engaging with the principal criminal justice institutions. For the purpose of this aspect of the Review these have been identified as those agencies established to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop unlawful behaviour and prevent it from happening again; • Impose penalties on those who break the law; and • Rehabilitating offenders. <p>The Review will consider and assess programmes and initiatives in terms of evidence based potential to add value and transform service delivery.</p> <p>Phase 3 will be informed by the report arising from the second stage which will form the basis of a consultation document containing proposals for the content, structure and governance of future Justice Policy for consultation with stakeholders, including services users. This will culminate in a blue print for future Justice Policy contained within the policy letter “Future of Justice Policy” which will be submitted to the States at the end of 2019.</p>
Resourcing:	Funding has been approved from the Transformation and Transition Fund to appoint external consultants to progress Phases 2 and 3 of the Review and to cover internal costs of supporting the Review.
Barriers to progress:	The Justice Review is reliant on the engagement and contribution of key stakeholders, particularly, but not limited to Law Enforcement, the Law Officers, the Judiciary, the Probation and Prison Services.
Next steps:	1. Engagement with core criminal justice agencies. Data collection and analysis to be undertaken to establish baseline data and demands on the criminal justice system and assessment of programmes and initiatives. Bilateral meetings to discuss submissions and data.

	<p>2. Wider engagement with key contributing agencies both within government and the third sector acknowledging the aims and objectives of existing strategies and work streams to identify the interdependencies with future Justice Policy.</p> <p>3. Explore findings and proposals through a series of workshops involving a mixture of operational and strategic staff, where possible and appropriate, to understand challenges and identify potential solutions.</p> <p>4. Seeking views from all stakeholders on current and future policy and operations and more broadly on the draft justice roadmap.</p> <p>5. It is proposed to submit a report outlining proposals for future Justice Policy to the States of Deliberation by the end of this year for consideration in early 2020.</p>
Needs/requirements that have not been supplied/resolved:	The Justice Review is intended to provide a blue print for future Justice Policy and recommendations will seek to identify the resources required to support implementation during 2020 and beyond.
Any other comments:	<p>It is impossible to separate justice and social policy, the experiences of the child will influence the actions of the adult they will become. It is therefore essential that the Review recognises the relationship and interdependencies between the two to ensure that the justice roadmap delivers in partnership with social policy initiatives.</p> <p>Transformational justice policy will be delivered by the effective working of component services individually and as part of an inclusive justice system, exploiting opportunities for efficiencies by working strategically with social policy partners across government.</p>