

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

Future Gsy Theme:	Our Economy Our Quality of Life Our place in the World
Future Gsy Outcome/s:	Sustainable public finances Strong, sustainable and growing Safe and secure place to live Centre of excellence Mature international identity
Priority Policy Area:	Security and Cyber Security
Political Governance:	Committee <i>for</i> Home Affairs and the Policy & Resources Committee

Overview	
Brief overview:	<p>One of the primary duties of government is to keep and maintain the security of its jurisdiction. Whilst in the past the threats to our safety and wellbeing have been conventional, for example World Wars and the Cold War, today we face a far more complex range of threats from terrorism, cyber-attacks, large scale accidents, natural or environmental hazards, vulnerability to climate change, right through to political changes such as Brexit.</p> <p>These new threats do not only emanate from hostile States, but also from non-State actors such as terrorists, criminals and other insurgents.</p> <p>The concept of what constitutes security in the widest sense is very different today from what it was in the past.</p> <p>Whilst the Bailiwick of Guernsey, through its unique relationship with the United Kingdom as a Crown Dependency, benefits from some protection from threats, for example from Her Majesty's Armed Forces in relation to defence, the Bailiwick has to ensure that most other aspects of the security of its people can be provided from within its own capability, or in some cases in partnership with other jurisdictions.</p> <p>The Committee <i>for</i> Home Affairs is working with Bailiwick Law Enforcement to publish a strategic plan that sets out Bailiwick Law Enforcement's business objectives and priorities which Bailiwick Law Enforcement will use to inform a revised service delivery plan. This will also serve as a high level statement from the Bailiwick of our jurisdiction's commitment to keep islanders, visitors and businesses safe and secure.</p>
Resourcing:	Resource has been secured and a Lead Cyber Security Officer appointed to drive forward the Strategy. A feasibility study is also being progressed in regards to the possible establishment of a Pan-Channel Island Cyber Emergency Response Facility.

Barriers to progress:	It is essential that work keeps pace with a continuously changing environment to ensure that the Bailiwick's cyber security capability remains robust to support its continued success as an international financial services and digital centre.
Next steps:	<p>2017 saw the publication of the Cyber Security Strategy which will form the basis of future actions in relation to cyber security and form a framework for activity over the next four years. The Cyber Security Strategy identifies eight strategic goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provision of proportionate legislation and regulation to meet the current threat. This includes the delivery of the new Data Protection (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2017. • Establish a framework to continuously assess the threat to government, businesses and individuals. • To work in partnership with specialist agencies, organisations and businesses from across the UK, the EU and Jersey. • Establish a framework and capability to share and report cyber security information across government, business and Islanders. • To develop, in partnership, the appropriate incident response capabilities at strategic, tactical and operational levels. • Set minimum-security standards for government and business based on international best practice. • Provide a focus from Law Enforcement as the lead agency for Cyber Security. • Work with other Committees to provide relevant, timely and accurate education on cyber security. <p>The Cyber Security Strategy is based on the assumption of partnership with both the UK (National Cyber Security Centre) and Jersey in order to lever best practice and value for money. The Strategy further recognises that we have specific requirements that are unique to the Bailiwick and work to achieve the Strategy goals that are ongoing.</p>