

# **Mandate of the Department**

Constituted with effect from 1st May, 2004 by Resolution of the States of 31 October 2003.

## **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 appointed by the Department who shall not be sitting members of the States.

## **MANDATE**

a) To advise the States on matters relating to:

- The Island's [Housing Strategy](#) and Corporate Housing Programme to meet identified housing needs.

And to be responsible for: -

- (i) The overall coordination and direction of the Corporate Housing Programme;
- (ii) Specific action areas of the Corporate Housing Programme as lead or joint lead department;
- (iii) The provision and management of social housing administered by the States;
- (iv) Facilitating and supporting the development of non-governmental bodies to provide social rental and other forms of social housing to meet identified housing needs;
- (v) The regulation and funding of [housing associations](#) and other non-governmental bodies providing social rental and other forms of housing to meet identified housing needs;
- (vi) The administration of outstanding loans provided to borrowers by the Department for house purchase and repair;
- (vii) Establishing initiatives to improve the affordability and quality of the private rental sector without reducing its size, including administration of the [Rent Control Law](#);
- (viii) Controls on housing occupation through the administration of the Housing Control and Right to Work Laws;
- (ix) Managing [Maison Maritaine](#) and [Longue Rue House](#).

b) To contribute to the achievement of strategic and corporate objectives, both departmentally and as part of the wider States organization, 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 Housing Department and which conferred functions upon the former: -

- Cadastre Committee
- Housing Authority.

e) To be accountable to the States for the management and safeguarding of public funds and other resources entrusted to the Department.

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