

Management of Land and Property: operational land and buildings Project Specification

Background

The States of Jersey owns a substantial portfolio of land and buildings for operational purposes. Those assets are an integral part of service delivery. Effective use of those assets is an important driver of securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

The Functions of the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG)

Article 11 of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Jersey) Law 2014 requires the C&AG to:

- provide the States with independent assurance that the public finances of Jersey are being regulated, controlled, supervised and accounted for in accordance with the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2005;
- consider and report to the States on:
 - the effectiveness of internal controls of the States, States funded bodies and funds;
 - the economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the way the States, States funded bodies and funds use their resources; and
 - the general corporate governance arrangements of the States, States funded bodies and funds; and
- make recommendations to bring about improvement where improvement is needed.

Objectives

The review will:

- evaluate the effectiveness of arrangements for:
 - strategic management of operational land and buildings (including strategy development, organisational structure and objective setting);
 - securing value for money at a strategic level (including evaluating whether assets are fit for purpose, option appraisal, service delivery plans, procurement and project delivery)
 - securing value for money at an operational level (including corporate buildings management and goods and services contracts); and

- performance management (including data management, data measurement and performance reporting); and
- identify any areas for improvement.

Scope

The review will extend to operational land and buildings included within the States' accounts. It will not include those held by Andium Homes, Ports of Jersey and the States of Jersey Development Company.

The review will not extend to infrastructure assets or investment properties.

The review will not consider in detail the Future Hospital that is subject to a separate review.

The role of the States of Jersey Development Company will be the subject of a separate review.

The objectives and/or scope of the review may be amended in the course of the review in the light of emerging findings or other matters arising.

Approach

An Affiliate working for the C&AG will:

- undertake an initial document review;
- on the basis of the initial document review undertake further focussed audit work comprising a combination of document review and interviews with key staff involved in strategic and operational management of land and buildings;
- identify areas for improvement.

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