

For immediate release - Friday 23 January 2026

**Comptroller and Auditor General
issues Jersey Audit Office Strategy 2026 - 2029
and Audit Plan 2026 - 2029**

The Jersey Audit Office (JAO) has published its **Strategy 2026 - 2029** and **Audit Plan 2026 - 2029**, setting out how the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) will build on what has been achieved and how the JAO will continue to enhance delivery of independent assurance on the use of public funds by the States of Jersey.

The JAO Strategy 2026 - 2029 updates the previous Strategy (2025 - 2028) to reflect what the JAO achieved in 2025 and restates the organisation's future vision and actions up to and including 2029.

The purpose of the Comptroller and Auditor General, fulfilled through the JAO, is to provide independent assurance on the extent to which public money is spent economically, efficiently and effectively, and on whether the controls and governance arrangements in place within public bodies demonstrate value for money.

The Strategy sets out the JAO's vision to be a trusted and innovative audit organisation that champions good governance and the wise use of public money in Jersey. It builds on four key areas of ambition: being a high performing audit organisation; supporting effective scrutiny and accountability; making a difference; and building a more resilient organisation.

Over the period 2026 - 2029, the JAO will continue to strengthen audit quality, enhance its use of technology, benchmark its performance against peer audit offices, and act on stakeholder feedback. The Strategy also places a strong emphasis on working closely with the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and other stakeholders to support effective scrutiny and accountability, and on ensuring that audit recommendations lead to tangible improvements in public services.

The Strategy highlights the JAO's commitment to sharing good practice more proactively, improving how it communicates its findings, and engaging more widely with Islanders to increase understanding of its work.

LYNN PAMMENT CBE,
Comptroller and Auditor General

Jersey Audit Office, De Carteret House, 7 Castle Street, St Helier, Jersey JE2 3BT

T: +44 1534 716800 E: enquiries@jerseyauditoffice.je W: www.jerseyauditoffice.je

As part of this commitment, the JAO has launched a new website (www.jerseyauditoffice.je) and refreshed branding for 2026, aimed at enhancing accessibility, improving the user experience and making audit reports and good practice guidance easier to find and use.

The **Audit Plan 2026 - 2029** (the Plan) explains how the C&AG will discharge her statutory responsibilities under the Comptroller and Auditor General (Jersey) Law 2014. It provides a detailed plan for work to be delivered in 2026, together with indicative plans for the following three years.

The Plan covers the audit of the States of Jersey's financial statements and other specified entities, alongside a programme of work on corporate governance, internal control and value for money. The work programme is developed using a risk-based approach, is updated quarterly, and will be kept under review to reflect emerging risks and priorities.

Key areas of focus over the period of the Plan include corporate governance, the implementation of major programmes and projects, information technology, the resilience of critical infrastructure, and transparency and excellence in annual reporting. The C&AG will continue to follow up on the implementation of previous audit recommendations and report publicly on progress.

Commenting on the publication of the JAO Strategy and Audit Plan, the Comptroller and Auditor General, Lynn Pamment CBE, said:

"The JAO is a unique public body. Fundamental to our purpose is to provide independent assurance on the use of public funds by the States of Jersey. This independent assurance serves to support democracy and helps instil public trust and confidence that public money is being used wisely (and if not, confidence that accountability will prevail). Our updated Strategy and Plan set out how the Jersey Audit Office will continue to deliver this independent, robust assurance.

"Without compromising our independence, the uniqueness of our position and the evidence we obtain in discharging our responsibilities enable us to provide significant insights both for individual departments and bodies and which supports transparency, accountability and public confidence in the stewardship of public funds."

The Strategy 2026 - 2029 and Audit Plan 2026 - 2029 are available on the Jersey Audit Office website www.jerseyauditoffice.je

ENDS

For further information, please contact:

Rozena Pedley

M: 00 44 7797 733553 / T: 00 44 1534 629800

E: rozena.pedley@jerseyauditoffice.je

Notes to Editors:

- The Office of Comptroller and Auditor General ('C&AG') was established in 2005 and operates under the Comptroller and Auditor General (Jersey) Law 2014
- The remit of the C&AG includes the audit of financial statements, corporate governance, internal control and wider consideration of public funds, often expressed as 'value for money'
- The 2026 - 2029 Audit Plan can be found at: www.jerseyauditoffice.je
- Lynn Pamment CBE took up the Office of C&AG on 1 January 2020 for a fixed term of seven years. Following the introduction of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Jersey) Law 2014 the term of office is fixed at seven years and is non-renewable
- The Office of Comptroller and Auditor General is known as the 'Jersey Audit Office'
- Contact details are: de Carteret House, 7 Castle Street, St Helier, Jersey JE2 3BT / T:716800 / E: enquiries@jerseyauditoffice.je

Comptroller and Auditor General's Policy regarding issue of reports and contact with the media:

- Press releases will be published by the Jersey Audit Office to accompany the publication of each report
- Embargo times, where set, will be at 0001 hours on the day of publication - for press releases, reports and all other information pertaining to the publication date
- Other press releases/statements may be made on an occasional basis and not necessarily dependent upon the publication of a report. They will be subject to the same embargoes where set
- With any report issued, the opportunity is available for members of the press to request factual clarification, by email, of points contained therein
- Any comments made additional to any reports, will be included within any press release(s) as issued by the Jersey Audit Office, in the form of a quotation by the C&AG. These comments will be available for publication; but there will not be any supplementary live or pre-recorded interviews offered or undertaken by either Lynn Pamment CBE or the affiliates of the Jersey Audit Office
- The C&AG is prepared, on an occasional basis, to provide articles for publication in the local media, following a specific request and consideration of the relevant topic
- All public information, including press releases and reports, are accessible on the Jersey Audit Office website at www.jerseyauditoffice.je