

Chair report – July 2026 Board Meeting

We have previously discussed the important context in which the Jersey Care Commission is operating. In common with regulators across the world it is right that we, as the Board of Commissioners, have governance and assurance processes to ensure that the JCC is using public funds efficiently and that our regulatory activity does not impose unnecessary burdens upon providers. It will also be important to demonstrate the outcomes of our regulation for the people of Jersey, providers of services and for the Government of Jersey. I look forward to further discussions on this topic and believe that our collation of data on care and residential home capacity is an important contribution.

For this meeting I am pleased that we can review and discuss work that we have already initiated to help us evidence our commitment to these principles and set out how we deliver our statutory functions and utilise our resources appropriately.

In our Board meeting this month I look forward to discussing the next steps in our work to improve the Board governance and how we operate to discharge our accountabilities. A paper summarising the discussion at our last meeting and the subsequent proposal for further work is included.

Since our last meeting work has progressed to develop our strategic plan, which is included in draft form with the papers.

Also included are draft documents for the update to the JCC constitution, terms of reference for the JCC and review of the Framework Agreement. At this stage these require further work, hopefully with the support of the governance working group referenced above and noting that the Framework Agreement is being developed with Francis Walker currently.

Recognising the recent elections on Jersey and appointment of new ministers, and in some cases new ministerial portfolios, the draft papers above will form the basis for discussions and further iterations of them.

I do believe that the papers outline important steps that we have and are taking to demonstrate the rigour with which we as a Board of Commissioners, and Becky and her operational team, approach the work of the Commission to undertake our statutory functions relating to regulation, registration of services and compliance monitoring and enforcement.

It is important to note that, following recent legislation, there has been expansion of the Commission's remit into more complex services, and to support the implementation of the assisted dying service. The draft strategic plan outlines the expectations, approach and scope of regulation and sets out strategic priorities for 2027-2030.

The draft constitution and terms of reference are largely drawn from existing documents including job descriptions and are designed to set out with clarity the roles and function of the Commission, Board, Chair, Commissioners and Chief Inspector.

I look forward to discussing further.