

to shows and events that we directly promoted (which is similar to the situation in the UK, so as to ensure that disabled persons requiring a carer are not discriminated against by effectively having to pay double).

In terms of ongoing commitment, I can advise that one member of staff within Beau Sejour, who has a good knowledge of disability and inclusion issues, has been allocated specific responsibility for such matters to ensure that there is a prominent contact point for the public to raise any matters of concern. You may also be aware that Beau Sejour maintains nine disabled parking bays outside its main entrance. Policing of these spaces is undertaken regularly by the Duty Managers to ensure that easier access for disabled persons is maintained at all times with fixed penalty notices being issued to non-disabled persons abusing the facilities.

As to policy initiatives, you may recall that when presenting its 2014 States Report in relation to the future allocation of lottery funds, the Department had recommended that any amounts exceeding the operating deficit for Beau Sejour should be allocated to an appropriation account specifically for the purposes of funding special events or enhancements to its properties. In putting this proposal forward the Department was particularly mindful of the States Resolution in relation to disability and inclusion and the fact that many of its properties, such as Castle Cornet, would benefit significantly from improvements to disabled access (as this was not something that could be easily afforded from its existing limited annual capital allocation).

I trust that this provides you with a sufficient overview of the initiatives undertaken by the Culture and Leisure Department although should you require any further details please do not hesitate to contact me.

Deputy M G O'Hara, Minister

Education Department

Thank you for your letter dated 9th June, 2015, requesting details of the Education Department's work on the States Disability and Inclusion Strategy since November 2013.

Even before November 2013, Disability and Inclusion issues have been a significant element of the work of the Education Department and Schools. This work continues. The work of the Education Department in relation to this area is enshrined in The Education (Amendment) (Guernsey) Law 1987. A SEN project successfully led to the provision of settings for learners with exceptional additional needs (Le Murier School, Le Rondin School, the CAS bases). The SEN Code of Practice outlines for mainstream schools the processes and procedures to be followed in identifying and addressing the additional needs of learners. The Learning, Performance and Intervention Services within the Department (Sensory Support Services, Communication and Autism Services and the Educational Psychology Service) provide direct services to learners and their families and provide training for Education Service Staff. The Education

Department has a strong network of liaison links with others engaged in the field. Inclusion is a key strand of the Education Department vision.

Given the wealth of aspects of Education Department work that relate to Disability and Inclusion, we would welcome the opportunity, should we be invited, to make a presentation in person to the DISSG.

The Department provides technical support to the Disability and Inclusion Steering Group. This demonstrates its contribution to a multi-agency approach to implementing the Strategy and to help implement the actions laid out in the timetable.

The Education Department also takes the mental health of its staff seriously and has trialled mindfulness training for staff across the service and also worked collaboratively with Guernsey Mind.

With respect to capital works, we have taken the Strategy into account in particular in instances such as the completion of the Les Beaucamps High School rebuild, works at St. Anne's and Vale Primary and, of course, in the planned development of the La Mare de Carteret Schools.

I trust that this information is helpful and assists with the preparation of the States Report.

Deputy R W Sillars, Minister

Environment Department

In response to your letter of 9th June 2015 I am pleased to advise you of the work that the Environment Department has undertaken in relation to the Disability and Inclusion Strategy since November 2013, the details of which are set out below:

PLANNING DIVISION:

Development Control Section:

Planning applications are determined in accordance with the planning policies set out in the Urban Area Plan and Rural Area Plan which include policies for safe and convenient access for people with mobility problems, as approved by the States.

Examples of applications which have been approved having particular regard to these policy issues are: