

Chief Minister



Simon Burgess
Independent Chair
Jersey Homelessness Strategic Board
By email

18 April 2024

Dear Simon

Thank you for your recent letter congratulating me on my appointment as Chief Minister and raising the issue of homelessness in Jersey.

Further to the Minister for Housing's letter in March, I would also like to place on record my support for the Jersey Homelessness Strategy. This is an important programme of work and I understand progress has already been made by the Government towards implementing the recommendations. I am confident that the Minister for Housing will ably take this forward, in addition to meeting regularly with representatives of organisations involved in homelessness accommodation and service provision, including social housing providers and voluntary and community organisations.

With regard to having a statutory definition of homelessness in Jersey, I am certainly supportive of the principle. I hope that further work can be carried out through the Homelessness Cluster to determine what a statutory definition of homelessness might include, its scope and implications. I would hope also that, through improved data collection and strengthened homelessness services, which are also key priorities for the Strategy, that this can inform consideration of any future statutory definition.

Thank you, again, for writing to me on this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lyndon Farnham".

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