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Comptroller and Auditor General issues Jersey Audit Office Strategy 2025-28 and Audit Plan 2025 to 2028

Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG), Lynn Pamment CBE, has today, 8 January 2025, published two documents: the *Jersey Audit Office Strategy 2025-28* and the *Audit Plan 2025-28*.

The Jersey Audit Office (JAO) Strategy 2025-28 updates the previous Strategy (2024-27) to reflect what the JAO achieved in 2024 and restates the organisation's future vision and actions up to and including 2028.

The Strategy outlines the approach and ambitions of the C&AG and the JAO for the next four years. During the period of the Strategy the ambitions of the C&AG and JAO are to:

- be a high performing audit organisation
- support effective scrutiny and accountability
- make a difference; and
- build a more resilient organisation.

The C&AG has also updated the areas of focus underpinning each of the four strategic ambitions of the JAO, to reflect some key milestones during the period of the Strategy, in particular:

- the proposed update to the C&AG (Jersey) Law
- the 20th Anniversary of the JAO in 2025
- the planned 2025 tender exercise for the States of Jersey external audit
- the change in Chair of the Board of Governance due to take place in 2025; and

• the change in C&AG as the current C&AG's appointment comes to an end at the end of 2026.

In the summer of 2024, the Government of Jersey published a new dashboard to measure performance against long-term measures of sustainable well-being. The JAO has updated its Corporate Social Responsibility Strategy to reflect how the JAO will contribute positively to Island Outcomes.

The C&AG has also taken the opportunity to update the Key Performance Indicators to reflect more effective measures of JAO performance.

The **Audit Plan** for the next four years sets out how the C&AG, through the JAO, intends to deliver her statutory responsibilities. It provides a detailed audit plan for the year ending 31 December 2025 and indicative plans for the three years thereafter. The Plan will be updated on a quarterly basis in light of changes in the assessment of risks and priorities.

Lynn Pamment CBE said:

"We will deliver our Strategy ambitions and the Audit Plan through our core values of independence and objectivity, fairness and justice, integrity and credibility. These values will continue to underpin our interactions with our stakeholders.

"As we work through the delivery of our Strategy we will report publicly through our Annual Report on the progress we are making. We will also review and refine our Strategy on at least an annual basis.

The Audit Plan will be reviewed and updated on a quarterly basis. We will also publish Annual Report of Audit Findings"

The Jersey Audit Office Strategy 2025-28 and the Audit Plan 2025 to 2028 can be found at: <u>https://www.jerseyauditoffice.je</u>

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- 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 2025 to 2028 Audit Plan can be found at: www.jerseyauditoffice.je



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- Lynn Pamment 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.
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