

THINK-TANK

Education, population, poverty, tax...getting views on topics like those in Jersey isn't the difficult part – but have you ever noticed how many people sound eminently credible when talking about them, even though they may actually be basing their views on conjecture, false facts and blind guesswork?

There is a real danger in making the ‘facts’ fit the opinion, rather than the other way around – which is exactly the point at which someone with an eye on the latest buzzwords will smugly insert the phrase ‘post-truth’ into the conversation, imagining its actually helpful.

So, we’ve asked the Jersey Policy Forum to add some robust material to those crucial local debates – the point is not to provoke agreement or acquiescence; it is to provide reliable material on which others can build their views.

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Jersey's Performance Framework – measuring sustainable wellbeing

Jersey’s Performance Framework was launched on January 17, 2020 and builds upon the Future Jersey long-term plan that was launched by the Government of Jersey in July 2017 (see my earlier article here: <https://www.jerseypolicyforum.org/static/files/Think%20Tank%20August.pdf>).

This new framework aims to assess the sustainable wellbeing of Jersey across three dimensions of community, economy and environment. Notably, the emphasis for this performance framework has shifted away from the traditional economic measures of gross domestic product (GDP) and gross value added (GVA) in line with the recommendations of global organisations

such as the United Nations, the OECD and World Economic Forum. Jersey’s Performance Framework is currently comprised of 20 storyboards to express specific aspirations that are described in more detail by 60 target outcome statements. A total of 186 unique indicators are included in the framework to measure progress towards achieving the outcomes. As Dr. Anuschka Muller, Director of Corporate Planning and Performance, explained at the launch, the Government of Jersey is the first nation in the world to include subjective indicators (based on what people think and feel) as well as objective indicators. A summary of the framework is presented in the table below. (see right)

The website at <https://www.gov.je/Government/PlanningPerformance/GovernmentPerformance/Pages/GovernmentPerformanceMeasures.aspx> presents the whole framework and links each outcome to its indicators along with the supporting data and definitions. The work done to pull Jersey’s existing data together into a single place is commendable. Putting the current performance in the context of where Jersey ideally should be for each outcome to ensure a thriving future for all Islanders would be helpful. This context is also needed to help government, business, civil society and individuals to prioritise focus, resource allocation and set meaningful performance timeframes.

Aspect of Wellbeing (# of indicators)	Storyboard	Outcome (out of 220 in total)	#of Indicators	
Community (118) Children (43)	A. All children in Jersey have the best start in life.	1. Children enjoy the best start in life.	4	
		2. Children develop as expected in their early years (aged 0-5 years).	3	
	B. All children in Jersey live healthy lives.	3. Children in Jersey live healthy lifestyles.	9	
		4. Children in Jersey can access healthcare.	3	
	C. All children in Jersey learn and achieve.	5. Children enter school ready to learn.	1	
		6. Pupils are proficient in core academic subjects at Key Stage 1.	3	
		7. Pupils are proficient in core academic subjects at Key Stage 2.	3	
		8. Pupils complete compulsory education successfully.	3	
		9. A-Level and beyond.	2	
	D. All children in Jersey grow up safely.	10. Children in Jersey are safe.	7	
		11. Young people at risk should be supported to create positive futures.	1	
	E. All children in Jersey are valued and involved	12. All children in Jersey enjoy the same rights.	1	
		13. All children in Jersey should be free from poverty.	3	
Health and wellbeing (46)	F. Islanders benefit from healthy lifestyles.	14. Jersey has a healthy population.	7	
		15. Effective public health interventions help prevent avoidable deaths.	1	
		16. Islanders look after their health by being physically active.	2	
		17. Islanders look after their health by drinking alcohol responsibly.	4	
		18. Islanders look after their health by not smoking tobacco.	2	
	G. Islanders are protected against social and environmental health hazards.	19. Islanders look after their health through healthy diets.	2	
		20. Islanders benefit from high levels of personal safety.	4	
		21. Islanders live in a healthy environment.	5	
		22. Food in Jersey is safe to eat.	1	
		23. Housing in Jersey is good quality.	3	
	H. Islanders can access high quality, effective health services.	24. Islanders can access health care.	3	
		25. Deaths due to treatable causes are avoided where possible.	1	
		I. Islanders with long-term health	26. Islanders with long-term health conditions enjoy a good quality of life.	4
J. Mental health and wellbeing are fundamental to quality of life in Jersey.			27. Islanders enjoy positive mental health and wellbeing.	7
		K. Islanders are safe and protected at home, work and in public	28. Jersey experiences low levels of crime.	2
29. Jersey's transport network is safe.	2			
30. Islanders benefit from high levels of fire safety.	2			
31. Islanders benefit from healthy, safe working conditions.	1			
Vibrant and inclusive community (22)	L. Islanders enjoy living in a vibrant and inclusive community.	32. Islanders enjoy life in a strong, inclusive community.	10	
		33. Quality of life in Jersey benefits from a thriving arts, culture and heritage sector.	3	
		34. Quality of life in Jersey benefits from a thriving sports sector.	3	
	M. Islanders engage in the public decisions that affect their Island.	35. Perceptions of government.	6	
Economic (44) Affordable living (11)	N. Islanders are able to afford a decent standard of living.	36. Households have sufficient income to afford a decent standard of living.	7	
		37. Jersey is an affordable place to live.	4	
Jobs and growth (33)	O. Islanders benefit from a strong, sustainable economy and rewarding Job opportunities	38. Government has sustainable finances.	3	
		39. Overall economic performance.	9	
		40. Finance sector performance.	4	
		41. Retail sector performance.	4	
		42. Hospitality sector performance.	5	
		43. Agriculture sector performance.	4	
		44. Construction sector performance.	4	
Environmental (58) Built environment (33)	P. St. Helier is an attractive town to live in, work in and visit.	45. St. Helier is an attractive place to live.	4	
		46. St. Helier is an attractive place to visit.	1	
		47. St. Helier is a safe place to live and visit.	2	
	Q. Islanders live in secure, quality homes that they can afford.	48. Jersey has a sufficient supply of housing.	5	
		49. Housing in Jersey is good quality.	3	
		50. Housing in Jersey is affordable.	5	
	R. Jersey benefits from a safe, sustainable transport system.	51. Islanders use sustainable modes of transport.	10	
		52. Jersey's transport network is safe.	2	
		53. Jersey's transport network is inclusive and accessible to all.	1	
	Natural environment (14)	S. Jersey's unique natural environment is protected and conserved for future generations.	54. Jersey's natural habitats and species are protected and conserved.	8
			55. Jersey's marine environment is protected and conserved.	4
	Sustainable resources (11)	T. Jersey's natural resources are managed and used responsibly.	56. Jersey benefits from good air quality.	1
			57. Jersey benefits from good soil quality.	1
58. Jersey protects its natural water supply.			3	
59. Jersey manages the amount of waste it produces.			3	
60. Jersey will become a carbon neutral island.			3	