

Interim Strategy Update and 2026 Key Priorities

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Interim Strategy Update

2026 will see the JRA take on additional functions relating to the Jersey Bank Depositors Compensation Scheme (JDCS). This document updates our existing Strategic Framework to reflect our expanded functions. During 2026, we will update our Strategic Framework for the years ahead.

When developing our Strategic Framework for 2024 to 2026, the timing of the planned transfer of JDCS functions to the JRA was not certain. Accordingly, we did not set out strategic priorities regarding those functions. The project to transfer functions has since progressed and we expect JDCS functions to transfer to the JRA on 1 April 2026.

Accordingly, we have updated our existing Strategic Framework to reflect the JRA's expanded functions. In late 2026 we will publish an updated Strategic Framework for the years ahead. This will take account of relevant recommendations from Government's financial services competitiveness programme.

We also set out our key priorities for 2026. This covers completing our development of policy and guidance relating to Jersey's Resolution Regime and performing a review of the JDCS, including the limit of compensation available via the scheme.

To accommodate our key priorities in 2026, align better with UK timelines for resolvability self-assessments, and ease the requirements on Jersey Banks (in support of Government's competitiveness programme), we concluded to defer the full Resolution and Resolvability self-assessments due to be submitted by banks on 30 June 2026 to 30 June 2027.

Our Mission

Our updated mission statement reflects our additional functions relating to the JDSCS.

To operate a robust and credible recovery, resolution and depositor compensation regime to manage bank failure effectively, reduce the risk to the public of financial loss, and protect the Jersey economy.

Strategic Objectives

Our strategic objectives are modified to reflect our additional functions relating to the JDCS.



1. Develop effective strategic relationships with our key stakeholders (especially international regulators & depositor compensation schemes, Jersey's banks, the JFSC and the Government of Jersey).



2. Develop and maintain Jersey's Resolution Framework and Depositor Compensation Scheme, where appropriate in line with international standards and developments.



3. Ensure each bank in Jersey has recovery (where required) and resolution plans for its Jersey-domiciled activities, which we regard as effective and credible (with a definite plan to address any barriers to resolution).



4. Develop and maintain fit for purpose governance and operating frameworks including JDCS payout capabilities, processes, systems and people.

Key Priorities for 2026

We will develop the remaining policy and guidance to complete the rollout of Jersey's Resolution Regime. We will complete the transfer of JDCS functions to the JRA and embed these functions into our day-to-day operations.



Complete our updated determination of banks' Critical Functions

In 2025 we collected and analysed data from banks to update our determination of banks' Critical Functions. This work is well progressed and will be finalised in early 2026. During 2026 we will continue to work with the JFSC to consider the interaction between Critical Functions and systemic importance.



Finalise our MREL policy and guidance on Financial Contracts (Stays)

Having consulted in relation to our draft MREL Policy in Q4 2024, we deferred finalising our policy to allow consideration of the Bank of England's amended policy. In 2026 we expect to finalise our MREL Policy and also to consult on guidance relating to continuity of financial contract (Stays).



Interim resolvability assessment in respect of Funding in Resolution and Access to FMI

Whilst we have deferred banks' full Resolution and Resolvability self-assessments by a year, we instead require interim self-assessments in respect of Liquidity and Funding in Resolution and Continuity of Access to Financial Markets Infrastructure. We will review these to form interim resolvability assessments in respect of these risks to resolution.



Complete the transfer of and embed our JDCS functions

We continue to work with the JDCS Board, Government and other stakeholders to transfer responsibilities relating to the JDCS to the JRA. Once the functions have been transferred, we will continue the programme of testing banks' Single Customer View files and commence the process of re-tendering for outsourced payout services.



Perform a review of the JDCS

We are working with Government to determine the scope of a review of the JDCS. This will include both the limit of compensation (currently £50,000) and funding of the Scheme. Data will be requested from banks and analysed, and we will engage with key stakeholders to consider potential enhancements to the Scheme.

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