

Environment Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 23rd April 2009

Meeting Number: 6

Present	Deputy P Rondel (Chairman) (PR) Deputy D Wimberley (Vice Chairman) (DW) Connétable J Réfault (JR)
Apologies	
In attendance	M Haden, M Orbell

Ref Back	Agenda matter	Action
	<p>1. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of 26th March 2009 were approved and signed.</p>	MH
	<p>2. Action Updates</p> <p>The action update report was noted.</p> <p>In respect of Energy Policy the JEC was unable to attend a meeting proposed for 6th May 2009; it was agreed to confirm an invitation to meet at 2.00pm on 26th May, with a possible fallback on 28th May. The invitation would also be extended to members of the Fuel Consortium.</p> <p>It was noted that the Jersey and Guernsey Gas Company had requested an update on the promised study into energy provision by the Economic Development Department. It was agreed that a further enquiry should be addressed directly to the Minister for Economic Development.</p> <p>It was agreed that officers would adopt an automatic policy of following up any requests to Departments that did not receive a response within ten days.</p>	MH MH MH MH/MO
<p>Item 4 26.03.09</p>	<p>3. Energy efficiency in States Buildings</p> <p>An officer briefing paper summarising research to date was circulated. It was noted that a report from the Assistant Director for Policy, Environment Division on progress against the environmental audit report would be forwarded at the end of April.</p> <p>The Assistant Director was expected to submit a report on Environmental Awareness to the Corporate Management Board in May. Following this a briefing from the Assistant Director was proposed for the Panel meeting of 11th June 2009.</p> <p>The States Energy Manager had also been requested to prepare a report for the Panel and would be invited for the same meeting.</p> <p>In view of these briefings it was agreed to write to the Ministers for Planning and Environment and Treasury and Resources formally announcing the Panel's review of energy efficiency in States Buildings.</p>	MH

	It was agreed that the Panel should include comments on Energy Efficiency and the Liquid Waste Strategy as part of its response to the draft Strategic Plan.	MH/MO
	<p>4. Draft Integrated Travel and Transport Plan</p> <p>It was agreed to hold an informal private meeting of the Panel at 12.45pm on Tuesday 28th April to discuss how to approach the Integrated Travel and Transport Policy.</p>	MH
	<p>5. Topic Proposals</p> <p>Members agreed that both a proposal received from Deputy Maçon concerning parking and a possible review arising from correspondence with the Minister for Transport and Technical Services regarding taxis/cabs would naturally form part of any wider review into the Integrated Travel and Transport Policy. Officers were asked to respond to Deputy Maçon explaining the Panel's position and to write to the Minister to request a copy of the forthcoming official report from the Head of Driver and Vehicle Services into taxi/cab services.</p>	MH/MO
	<p>6. Sustainable Development UK Conference 2009</p> <p>Deputy Wimberley agreed to provide a written report on his attendance at this conference in March 2009.</p>	DW
Item 3 26.03.09	<p>7. Energy from Waste Plant and Ramsar: Review of planning process</p> <p>The Panel noted a letter from the Minister for Planning and Environment dated 14th April 2009. Officers were asked to draft a reply thanking the Minister for this and indicating that the Ramsar review would highlight any deficiencies found in the Planning and Environment Department's approach to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes. This was intended to serve as a learning experience to inform future EIAs; the Panel did not therefore wish to consider other ongoing EIAs at present.</p> <p>With respect to the forthcoming appointment of an adviser to the Ramsar review, it was agreed that an objective approach would be important to maintain the credibility of the proposed peer review of the Environmental Impact Assessment process. With this in mind there was some discussion of the relative merits of encouraging advisers to carry out a completely independent investigation, as opposed to the Panel providing guidance based on its own research. However, it was noted that at least one of the potential advisers was already aware of concerns raised by the 'Save Our Shoreline' group (SOS) from their website; it was felt that a qualified adviser would rapidly become familiar with the full range of issues with or without Panel guidance.</p> <p>Members considered the question plan prepared for the Public Hearing with SOS at 10.30am.</p>	MO
	<p>8. Chairmen's Committee</p> <p>Members noted the Panel activity report including expenditure in Q1 2009.</p>	
	<p>9. Ministerial Decisions</p> <p>The Panel noted recent Ministerial Decisions pertinent to its remit. Further information was requested from officers concerning an</p>	MH

	order in respect of septic tanks involving the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA).	
	<p>10. Forthcoming Meetings</p> <p>Bio diesel meeting: 10.30am on 6th May 2009 at the Howard Davis Farm; attendance of one officer requested.</p> <p>Quarterly briefing with the Minister for Planning and Environment: 2.00pm on 6th May 2009 in the Le Capelain Room.</p> <p>Panel meeting: 8.30am on 7th May 2009 in the Blampied Room.</p> <p>Swearing-in of the new Bailiff: it was agreed that the Panel meeting on 9th July 2009 would end at 10.00am to permit members to attend.</p>	<p>MO</p> <p>MH/MO</p> <p>MH/MO</p> <p>MH/MO</p>

Signed

Date:

P. J. Randel

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Chairman Environment Panel

