

Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 18th December 2013

Meeting No: 75

Present	Deputy S.G. Luce, Chairman Connétable S.W. Pallett, Vice-Chairman Connétable M.J. Paddock Connétable J.E. Le Maistre
Apologies	
In attendance	Connétable P.J. Rondel (Item 7) Director, Environmental Management and Rural Economy (Item 7) Assistant Director, Marine Resources (Item 7) Strategy Manager Economic Development (Items 7 and 8) Chief Officer, Economic Development (Item 8) Strategic Policy Manager, Economic Development (Item 8) Mr. T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer

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	1. Record of Meeting The record of the Panel's meeting held on 27th November 2013 was approved by the Panel.	
27/11/13 Item 2 515/28	2. Digital Skills The Sub-panel Chairman updated the Panel about recent Review work, notably regarding the progress being made with regard to written submissions. The Sub-panel would be meeting in the New Year to evaluate evidence received to date and to establish next steps.	
27/11/13 Item 3 515/26	3. Jersey Innovation Fund The Panel noted correspondence sent to the Minister for Economic Development on 19th November 2013 by the Chairman, as previously agreed by the Panel.	
27/11/13 Item 4 515/30	4. Enterprise Strategy The Panel noted correspondence sent to the Minister for Economic Development on 19th November 2013 by the Chairman, as previously agreed by the Panel, outlining areas of significant concern with the draft Enterprise Strategy. There had been no response to the correspondence at this stage	SL
27/11/13 Item 5 515/31	5. Ports of Jersey Incorporation The Panel noted that it was still awaiting a response to a letter sent to the Minister for Economic Development requesting receipt of certain documents now scheduled to be available according to the project timetable, and expressing concern about the possible impact of the	

	proposed extended timetable for the conveyancing of non-operational assets. It agreed that arrangements should be made for the Panel to undertake a site visit to Jersey Airport early in the New Year, with time allocated for discussion of the progress of the incorporation project and sea route policy developments.	TO
27/11/13 Item 6 515/29	6. Retail Sector Review The Panel noted progress being made in relation to its Review timetable, and received updated Review files.	
30/10/13 Item 9 515/1(29)	7. Draft Aquatic Resources (Jersey) Law 201- The Panel received a joint briefing with the Environment Scrutiny Panel from Officers of the Economic Development and Environment Departments regarding the Draft Aquatic Resources (Jersey) Law 201-, and progress made on points raised by the Panels at an opening briefing on 24th October. It was agreed that debate of the legislation would be deferred until the Panels had met the Law Draftsman to seek further clarification about its format. Following this, Members agreed they would be better placed to determine what, if any, Review work would be undertaken by the Economic Affairs Panel (or a Sub-Panel) on the Primary legislation, or whether Members might examine the more detailed Regulations as and when they arose.	TO
02/10/13 Item 8 515/23	8. Aircraft Registry The Panel received a briefing from the Economic Development Department regarding progress being made on establishing a Jersey Aircraft Registry, following the Minister's recent decision not to pursue a joint Aircraft Registry with Guernsey. The Panel was informed that law drafting instructions had now been finalised and that drafting had begun on the necessary legislation. External expert advice had been secured through Appleby Aviation (part of Appleby Global) who, in addition to the Aircraft Registry Working Group, was assisting the Department to address various matters regarding the establishment of the Registry, including development of the business case. Matters such a GST exemption and prefix were nearing finalisation. It was anticipated by the Department that the Jersey Aircraft Registry would be launched in summer 2014. The Department's legal challenge to the use of the name 'Channel Islands Aircraft Registry' by Guernsey for its Registry was ongoing. It was agreed that further briefings and information would follow as the project developed.	TO
13/11/13 Item 5 515/24	9. Financial Services Ombudsman The Panel was updated about a revised timetable from the Economic Development Department for the States debate of the draft Financial Services Ombudsman (Jersey) Law 201- and associated Regulations, which had been established as follows: Draft Financial Services Ombudsman (Jersey) Law 201: 15th January 2014 - to Council of Ministers 20th January 2014 - lodged au Greffe 18th March 2014 – States debate Regulations: 8th April 2014 - to Council of Ministers 18th April 2014 - lodged au Greffe	

	17th June 2014 – States debate	
515/1(29)	<p>10. Tourism Webcams</p> <p>Correspondence from a member of the public was received and considered by the Panel, regarding perceived underuse of tourism related webcam coverage in Jersey. The Panel agreed that the matter should be taken up with the Economic Development Department, and to thank the contributor for raising the matter.</p>	TO
	<p>11. Future meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted that its next meeting was scheduled for 9.30am in the Blampied Room, States Building on 15th January 2014. A site visit to Jersey Airport was proposed for 7th January, with arrangements to be confirmed.</p>	