

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 22nd April 2009

Meeting 19

Present	Senator S.C. Ferguson, Chairman Deputy C.H. Egré, Vice-Chairman Connétable D.J. Murphy [Absent for Items 6 to 14] Deputy T.A. Vallois
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Senator T.A. Le Sueur, Chief Minister [Item 2] Mr. W.D. Ogley, Chief Executive [Item 2] Mrs J. Marshall, Strategic Planning Manager [Item 2] Deputy M.R. Higgins [Item 1, Co-Opted Panel Member for Item 5] Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer Mr. M. Robbins, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p>1. Review of British Offshore Finance Centres</p> <p>The Panel noted that correspondence had been received by the Scrutiny Office relating to a potential meeting on 28th April 2009 between the Panel and Mr. M. Foot CBE who was undertaking a review of British Offshore Finance Centres. It was noted that the meeting had been arranged on the understanding that it had been requested by Scrutiny, notwithstanding initial indications received from the Chief Minister's Department that it had been arranged at the behest of Mr Foot.</p> <p>Consideration was given to the matter with Deputy M.R. Higgins in attendance. It was noted that Mr Foot would only be in the Island for one day and that his schedule might not ultimately allow for a meeting on 28th April 2009. It was also noted that, as this was understood to be a meeting called by Scrutiny, the Panel would be expected to have a clear purpose in holding the meeting. It was ultimately agreed that a meeting, if it could be arranged, would be useful in order that the Panel could clarify Mr Foot's Terms of Reference and the work he would undertake. It was noted that Deputy Higgins would also attend the meeting. The Officers were requested to take the appropriate action.</p> <p>It was noted that Mr Foot had produced an interim report that had been circulated to all States Members. It was agreed that Panel Members should read the report.</p>	<p>WM / MR</p> <p>Panel</p>
11/02/09, Item 1	<p>2. Chief Minister</p> <p>The Panel held a Public Hearing with Senator T.A. Le Sueur, Chief Minister, who was accompanied by Mr. W.D. Ogley, Chief Executive. Mrs. J. Marshall, Strategic Planning Manager, was also in attendance but was not a formal witness at the Hearing.</p>	

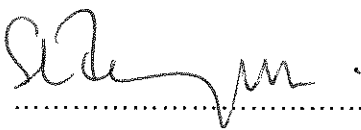
	<p>It was noted that the transcript of the Hearing would be returned within the standard timescale.</p>	
	<p>3. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The Panel approved the record of that part of its meeting on 8th April 2009 held in public session.</p>	
	<p>4. Action Updates</p> <p>The Panel noted the update on actions that it had requested at its previous meetings.</p>	
<p>16/04/09, Item 1 513/19(8)</p>	<p>5. Economic Stimulus Plan</p> <p>The Panel noted the current status of work on the review. It was noted that the Scoping Document had been circulated and reflected the objectives and Terms of Reference agreed at the previous meeting. The Panel agreed a budget of £15,300 for the review including provision of £12,000 for an expert advisor. The Panel recalled that Professor M. Oliver had been appointed as the advisor under a separate contract to that which covered his work with the Finance Sub-Panel.</p> <p>It was noted that the Panel would meet in relation to this review on 24th April 2009 at which time it would consider a question plan for a Public Hearing on 1st May 2009 with Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources.</p> <p>The Panel was advised that Deputy Higgins had been asked by Channel Television to do an interview on 23rd April 2009 in relation to the Economic Stimulus Plan. It was noted that the Panel had only just begun its review of the Plan and that little information had been received to date. It was therefore agreed that Deputy Higgins would not undertake the interview as a representative of the Panel but as either an individual Member; or as Chairman of the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel.</p>	<p>MR MR</p>
<p>08/04/09, Item 9 513/20(8)</p>	<p>6. Finance Sub-Panel</p> <p>The Panel received an update on the work of the Finance Sub-Panel. It was noted that the Panel's expert advisor, Professor M. Oliver, had held meetings with several departmental officers. The meetings had been recorded and arrangements had been made for transcripts to be prepared. The Panel noted this expenditure had not been included in the initial budget and agreed the transcripts should be obtained.</p> <p>It was noted that the Sub-Panel would next meet on 23rd April 2009. The Panel was advised that the meeting that had been arranged on that date with the Public Accounts Committee was to be postponed until 14th May 2009.</p>	<p>MR MR</p>
<p>22/04/09, Item 10 513/18(8)</p>	<p>7. Migration and Population</p> <p>The Panel received an update on the work of the Migration and Population Sub-Panel. It was noted that the Sub-Panel would next meet that afternoon and that Public Hearings would be held on 27th April 2009.</p>	
<p>22/04/09, Item 8</p>	<p>8. Rapporteur: Information Technology, Human Resources and Emergency Planning</p> <p>The Panel noted that no meetings had yet been arranged between the</p>	

	<p>Rapporteur and the relevant departmental officers.</p> <p>It was noted that a new Director of Human Resources had recently been appointed.</p>	
<p>22/04/09, Item 6</p> <p>513/16(8)</p>	<p>9. Waterfront Enterprise Board (P.12/2009)</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of correspondence, dated 9th April 2009, from the Chief Minister in response to the report <i>Waterfront Enterprise Board (P.12/2009)</i> (SR1/2009). The Panel was informed that advice had been received that the letter constituted a formal response to the report although it had not been formatted according to standard template. The Panel noted that a more detailed response would be forthcoming subsequent to further consideration by the Council of Ministers. It was agreed to write to the Chief Minister to highlight the Panel's expectation that a more detailed response would be received in due course and presented to the States in accordance with the agreed protocol and to clarify that the Chief Minister's correspondence could be released into the public domain.</p> <p>The Panel was advised that the Council of Ministers would consider a report relating to the Waterfront Enterprise Board as part of the 'B' agenda for its meeting on 21st April 2009. It was agreed that a request for the report would be made in accordance with standard procedure.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>
<p>08/04/09, Item 5</p>	<p>10. Strategic Plan</p> <p>The Panel considered its approach to <i>States Strategic Plan 2009 – 2014</i> (P.52/2009). It was noted that the Panel would touch upon certain aspects of the Plan through some of the reviews being undertaken. It was further noted that the Panel had covered other aspects of the Plan at that morning's Public Hearing with the Chief Minister. It was agreed that the Panel should aim to produce a brief report or set of comments on the Plan, taking into account the information it had gathered at the Hearing and highlighting the work being undertaken elsewhere. It was agreed that the Panel would consider the matter at its next meeting, by which time Panel Members would have identified comments on the Plan. The Officers were requested to undertake work on the transcripts of that day's Hearing, once returned.</p>	<p>Panel WM / MR</p>
<p>11/02/09, Item 14</p> <p>513/14(8)</p>	<p>11. Bovine Semen</p> <p>The Panel recalled that it had previously written to the following parties in order to follow up the recommendations contained in <i>Review into the Proposed Importation of Bovine Semen</i> (SR10/2008):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Minister; • Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Economic Development; and • Royal Jersey Agricultural and Horticultural Society (RJA&HS). <p>It was noted that all three parties had responded to the Panel's correspondence and that, in particular, the RJA&HS had suggested that it would wish to respond to the Panel's questions in more detail in due course, once it had completed its current work on the matter. It was agreed to advise the RJA&HS that this would be acceptable and that a Hearing would be arranged with them in due course.</p>	<p>WM / MR</p>
<p>513/1(26)</p>	<p>12. Quarterly Budget Update</p> <p>The Panel received a financial report on its expenditure during the first quarter of 2009. It was noted that the following expenditure had</p>	

	<p>occurred:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £5,158.32 on the Deemed Rent Review; • £366.00 on the Waterfront Enterprise Board (P.12/2009) Review; • £508.80 on the Migration and Population Review; and • £249 on quarterly hearings with the Ministers within the Panel's remit. 	
	<p>13. Forthcoming Propositions</p> <p>In addition to the propositions considered elsewhere at the meeting, the Panel noted the following propositions had been lodged <i>au Greffe</i> by the Chief Minister:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Appointments Commission: Appointment of Member (P.51/2009)</i> 	
	<p>14. Public Finances Law – Proposed Changes</p> <p>The Panel noted that <i>Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2005: Proposed Changes (P.54/2009)</i> had been lodged by the Public Accounts Committee for debate on 2nd June 2009. It was noted that the proposition made significant reference to the work undertaken during the Waterfront Enterprise Board (P.12/2009) Review. It was therefore agreed that it would be appropriate for the Panel to present comments on the proposition.</p>	WM
	<p>15. Ministerial Decisions</p> <p>The Panel noted the Ministerial Decisions made by the Chief Minister and Minister for Treasury and Resources that had appeared on www.gov.je between 2nd and 15th April 2009.</p>	
	<p>16. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted its next scheduled meeting would take place on 6th May 2009.</p>	

Signed

Date:



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Chairman, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel