

Public Accounts Committee

Record of Meeting

Date: 3rd March 2014

Meeting No: 43

Present	Deputy T. Vallois, Chairman Senator S.C. Ferguson Deputy G.C.L. Baudains Deputy R. Rondel Mr. J. Mills, C.B.E. Mr. I. Ridgway Mr. R. Parker
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mrs. K .McConnell, Comptroller and Auditor General Mr. I. Clarkson, Officer to the Public Accounts Committee Mrs. E. Turner, Scrutiny Officer, States Greffe

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	<p>1. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The record of the meeting held on 3rd February 2014 was approved and signed.</p>	
<p>Item 2 03.02.14 512/1(44)</p>	<p>2. Conflicts of Interest</p> <p>Deputy R. Rondel declared a potential financial interest in respect of the Committee's pending review of grants and subsidies.</p> <p>Mr. I Ridgeway declared that he might need to declare a conflict of interest in the event that the Committee was to formally recommence work on a formal review of procurement. The Committee noted the position.</p>	
<p>Item 3 03.02.14 512/20</p>	<p>3. Integrated Care Records</p> <p>The Committee received a second bundle of documentation supplied by the Health and Social Services Department (HSSD). Included within the bundle were Programme Board minutes, financial breakdowns and various other post-implementation reports.</p> <p>The Committee was advised that its officers had met with the Director of Finance and Information, Health and Social Services Department and the former ICR Programme Manager on 5th February to discuss the history of the ICR programme and the scope of the Committee's review.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that individual members should review the additional documentation supplied and forward any specific comments to its officer by 10th March, so as to inform the</p>	<p>IC</p> <p>IC</p> <p>IC</p>

	preparation of a draft programme of public hearings to be held in late March or April 2014.	
Item 1 28.02.14 512/18	4. Canbedone Productions Limited Grant The Committee noted that its final report was to be presented to the States on 4th March 2014 and that the Chairman would make a supporting statement in the Assembly on the same day. The Committee authorised its officer to supply a complete electronic copy of the report to all relevant Departmental Scrutiny Liaison Officers once hard copies of the same had been prepared and had been forwarded to the States Assembly Information Centre for distribution.	Chairman IC
Item 5 03.02.14 512/19	5. Grants and Subsidies The Committee considered a progress report concerning the review of grants and subsidies. It was reported - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) that the Education, Sport and Culture Department had responded to an enquiry regarding the policy applied in cases where recipients of higher education grants do not complete their selected course, and (ii) that the lead member and the Officer to the PAC had met with the Chief Officer, Economic Development Department to discuss the various grants and subsidies established by or maintained under the Rural Economy Strategy 2011 – 2015 (R.4/2011 refers). The Committee agreed that its primary focus during March would be the ongoing review of the Integrated Care Records programme but that several of the case studies planned as part of the grants and subsidies review could be progressed as discrete reviews during the second and third quarters of 2014, subject to the availability of departmental resource.	JM / IC
Item 6 03.02.14 512/1(8)	6. Comptroller and Auditor General: work programme The Committee – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) noted a draft project specification for a review of management information in Health - Operating Theatres (b) noted an oral update regarding progress against the Jersey Audit Office Audit Plan, and (c) received a presentation concerning the status of a review of the internal audit function, and (d) received a presentation concerning the status of a review of procurement. Documentation received by the Committee regarding the above was classified as confidential in accordance with paragraph 3.2.1(b) of the Code of Practice on Public Access to Official Information.	
Item 5 30.09.13 1443/10 (57)	7. Comptroller and Auditor General Report: Public Audit in Jersey (R.77/2013) The Committee was briefed by the Chairman regarding an exchange of correspondence between the Comptroller and Auditor	

	<p>General, the Chief Executive, States of Jersey and the Chairman.</p> <p>The Committee was concerned to note an apparent deviation from the position reported to the Committee on 30th September 2013, particularly, but not exclusively, regarding the proposal to consolidate and update Jersey's public audit legislation within a separate Law and which would fall within the administration of the Chief Minister.</p> <p>The Committee agreed –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) that the Chairman should secure a meeting with the Chief Minister in early course with a view to confirming his position regarding the recommendations made in R.77/2013, (b) that the Chairman should report the outcome of that meeting to the Committee as soon as practicable, and (c) in the event the Chief Minister was not inclined to support implementation of the recommendations made in R.77/2013, the Committee should, at its 31st March meeting, consider lodging a draft report and proposition requesting the States to – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) endorse those recommendations in full and (ii) instruct the executive to prepare the necessary legislation without delay. 	<p>Chairman / IC</p>
<p>Item 7 03.02.14</p>	<p>8. Future meetings The Committee noted that its next meeting would commence at 12:30 pm on 31st March in the Blampied Room.</p>	<p>Committee IC</p>