

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 22nd February 2012

Meeting No: 9

Present	Senator S.C. Ferguson, Chairman Deputy J.G. Reed, Vice-Chairman Connétable D.J. Murphy Deputy S. Power Deputy R.J. Rondel
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer

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08/02/12 Item 5 513/1(40)	<p>1. Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for Treasury and Resources</p> <p>Consideration was given to a draft question plan for the Quarterly Public Hearing with Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources. The Panel agreed areas of questioning, amending the question plan accordingly, and allotted responsibility for leading on question areas to Panel Members. It was noted that the broad areas of questioning would be provided to the Department of Treasury and Resources in line with the <i>Code of Practice for Scrutiny Panels and the Public Accounts Committee</i>. The Scrutiny Officer was also requested to confirm how much time had been allotted for the public hearing.</p> <p>Consideration was given to the areas of responsibility that fell within the remit of the Minister for Treasury and Resources, which the Scrutiny Officer was requested to confirm.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that the primary focus of the public hearing should be questioning of the Minister and the Scrutiny Officer was therefore requested to ask that the Minister merely be accompanied by his Assistant Minister and the Treasurer of the States.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>
08/02/12 Item 7 513/1(45)	<p>2. Medium Term Financial Plan</p> <p>The Panel recalled that a request had been made to the Department of Treasury and Resources for documentation relating to the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and noted that advice had been received to the effect that no further documentation was currently available. It was noted that a briefing from the Treasurer of the States on the MTFP had therefore been arranged for 1:00pm on 8th March 2012.</p>	
08/02/12 Item 3 513/32	<p>3. Population and Migration</p> <p>The Panel recalled its agreement that the Population and Migration Review should be undertaken in two parts. It was noted that Part 1 would include consideration of the recently published census results and the implications of the results for population policy and that it would lead to the presentation of a report ahead of the debate on the new Strategic Plan. Part 2 would subsequently involve consideration of</p>	

	<p>matters relating to the <i>Control of Housing and Work (Jersey) Law</i> which was due to be implemented in July 2012 and also pick up on any matters that might have been highlighted by the work of Part 1. It was noted that the Panel would therefore need to remain focused. The Panel requested that a plan be drawn up to show how the review would progress and how the two parts of the review would fit together.</p> <p>The Panel noted that the Vice-Chairman had spoken with the expert advisor via telephone conference on 20th February 2012. It was noted that the expert advisor could be asked to provide a written brief for the Panel on the matters at hand.</p> <p>Given the narrow focus of Part 1 of the review, the Panel agreed that it would not seek written submissions at this stage but that it would consider inviting submissions, and undertaking public engagement, during Part 2 of the review.</p> <p>Consideration was given to a draft media release to announce the beginning of the review. Amendments to the media release were identified and it was subsequently approved, as amended. It was agreed that the media release should be dispatched on 23rd February 2012.</p> <p>The Panel confirmed that it would invite the following to public hearings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Minister • Chairman – Migration Advisory Group • Minister for Economic Development • Minister for Housing • Chief Statistician – Statistics Unit <p>The Scrutiny Officer was requested to investigate the availability of the identified witnesses. The Panel agreed that it would be beneficial to receive the Ministers for Economic Development and Housing on the same day.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>
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