

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Migration and Population Sub-Panel

PUBLIC SESSION

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Record of Meeting

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Date: 20th March 2009

Meeting 4

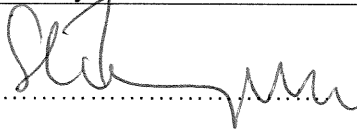
Present	Senator S.C. Ferguson, Chairman Deputy G.P. Southern [Absent for part of Item 4] Deputy C.F. Labey [Absent for Items 1 – 3] Deputy D.J.A. Wimberley [Absent for part of Item 4] Deputy T.A. Vallois
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer

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	1. Records of Meetings	
513/18	The Sub-Panel approved the records of its meetings on 4th March 2009 (both public and private session) and 11th March 2009.	
	2. Advisor	
513/18	The Sub-Panel considered a draft contract between the Corporate Services Panel, on its behalf, and Dr P. Boden. It was noted that, in addition to a rate of £750 per day, Dr Boden would charge £100 per hour. It was further noted that the contract represented the standard format for those between Scrutiny Panels and their expert advisors. The Sub-Panel approved the draft contract and agreed to the insertion of a reference to Dr Boden's hourly rate.	WM
	It was agreed to delegate responsibility for overseeing finalisation of the contract to the Chairman. It was noted that the contract would be despatched to Dr Boden for his consideration and approval, subject to pursuance of standard procedure.	SF WM
	3. Public Hearings	
513/18	The Sub-Panel considered a provisional schedule for Public Hearings. It was noted that Dr Boden would be unavailable on 8th April, 22nd April and 6th May 2009 but would be available on 18th May 2009. It was consequently agreed to hold Migration legislation Public Hearings on that day. It was further agreed to establish when Dr Boden would be available in April 2009 although it was noted that it might become necessary to hold Population hearings without him on 22nd April 2009.	WM
	4. Population Policy	

513/18	<p>The Sub-Panel considered a paper prepared by the Scrutiny Office on the population policy part of its review. It was advised by Deputy G.P. Southern that the previous Migration Sub-Panel had established that the population models used to underpin policy were robust and it would therefore only be necessary for this Sub-Panel to see what developments had occurred in this area since the work of the previous Sub-Panel. The Sub-Panel subsequently considered how the Statistics Unit produced its annual updates on the population. The Officer was requested to obtain the relevant information.</p> <p>Consideration was given to the lines of enquiry to be followed. During this consideration, the Sub-Panel was advised that reports on the Imagine Jersey 2035 consultation process had been drafted by the previous Sub-Panel. It was also noted that there would be a need to review the rationale underlying the policy of the Council of Ministers.</p> <p>It was noted that the number of documents received for consideration by the Sub-Panel could potentially lead to confusion and the Officer was therefore requested to produce a timeline that would show development both of population policy and of migration legislation.</p> <p>The Sub-Panel was advised that the first written submission had been received, in response to a news article that had appeared in a recent edition of the Jersey Evening Post. It was noted that a Call for Evidence had not yet been made although it would now be feasible to do so, on the basis of the Sub-Panel's most recent discussions.</p> <p>It was recalled that the Sub-Panel had agreed to consult environmental groups. In that regard, it was agreed that requests would be sent to Concern; the Countryside Alliance; and the Jersey Wildlife Action Group. It was further agreed that a request would be sent to the Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p>The Sub-Panel noted that a report on population and migration had previously been produced by Oxera. The Officer was requested to circulate copies to the Sub-Panel.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>
513/18	<p>5. Migration</p> <p>The Sub-Panel noted receipt of documentation from the Migration Advisory Group that had been considered by the Council of Ministers on 19th March 2009. Consideration was given to these documents in private session in accordance with the Confidentiality Agreement relating to those documents and under Articles 3.2.1(a)(xiv) and 3.2.1(b) of <i>Code of Practice on Public Access to Official Information</i>.</p> <p>The Sub-Panel noted there was a risk that the Sub-Panel and Executive would potentially undertake public consultation at the same time. In this regard, the Sub-Panel noted the provisions of Paragraph 7.7 of <i>Code of Practice for Scrutiny Panels and the Public Accounts Committee</i>. It was agreed that the Chairman should meet Senator P.F. Routier, Chairman of the Migration Advisory Group (MAG) to discuss the current situation and the way forward. It was also agreed that a Hearing should subsequently be held with MAG to consider the key questions relating to the legislation. In that regard, the Officer was requested to research the questions that had been put by the previous Sub-Panel to the previous MAG.</p> <p>It was further agreed that the Sub-Panel should continue with its request</p>	<p>SF / WM</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>

	to Mrs E. Martins, Data Protection Commissioner.	
	6. Vice-Chairman	
513/18	Noting that it had not appointed a Vice-Chairman, the Sub-Panel agreed that Deputy Southern would act in this capacity.	
	7. Future Meetings	
513/18	It was noted that the Sub-Panel would next meet at 2:00pm on 8th April 2009. Apologies for this meeting were received from Deputies C.F. Labey and D.J.A. Wimberley.	

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08/04/2009

