

Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 30th October 2013

Meeting No: 71

Present	Deputy S.G. Luce, Chairman Connétable S.W. Pallett, Vice-Chairman Connétable M.J. Paddock Connétable J.E. Le Maistre
Apologies	
In attendance	Mr. T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer

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515/1/1	1. Panel Membership The Chairman welcomed Connétable J.E. Le Maistre to the first meeting held since his appointment to the Panel by the States on 22nd October.	
	2. Record of Meeting The record of the Panel's meeting held on 17th October 2013 was approved by the Panel and signed accordingly by the Chairman.	
17/10/13 Item 2 515/28	3. Digital Skills The Sub-Panel Chairman updated the Panel about recent work, notably that the draft scoping document and Terms of Reference for the Review were being finalised following publication of key strategies from Digital Jersey and the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture. It was expected that background work would be completed shortly, followed immediately by the public launch of the Review.	
17/10/13 Item 3 515/24	4. Financial Services Ombudsman The Panel received the latest version of the draft Financial Services Ombudsman (Jersey) Law 201-, and noted the response to a related States Oral Question answered by the Minister for Economic Development on 22nd October. It was agreed that, with the draft legislation due to be lodged before the States' recess, the Panel would seek to update its Review scoping document to include an expert legal 'sense check' in conjunction with wider stakeholder and public consultation. This update, and Terms of Reference, would be discussed at the Panel's next scheduled meeting.	TO
17/10/13 Item 4 515/1(24)	5. Ports of Jersey Incorporation The Panel considered papers received from the Ports of Jersey detailing the timeframe for delivery of various incorporation work-streams. It was agreed that the matter should be considered again at the Panel's next scheduled meeting, in order to allow time for progress to be made on certain matters as outlined by the timetable, in turn helping to inform any subsequent follow up work by the Panel.	TO

<p>17/10/13 Item 5</p> <p>515/29</p>	<p>6. Retail Sector Review</p> <p>The Panel recalled that it had approved the scoping document and Terms of Reference for its Review at its previous meeting. It was agreed that the Review would begin as soon as possible, taking into account the extended timeframe for work relating to the draft Enterprise Strategy and proposals to remunerate the non-executive members of the Jersey Innovation Fund Board.</p>	<p>TO</p>
<p>17/10/13 Item 6</p> <p>515/3(19)</p>	<p>7. Enterprise Strategy</p> <p>The Panel considered the transcript of the Enterprise Strategy 2013 Public Hearing held with the Minister for Economic Development on 17th October. It agreed to request additional information from the Economic Development Department to follow up evidence given at the Public Hearing, the response to which would help determine the scale and nature of the Panel's Review, and whether it would be more appropriate to issue Comments or a full Scrutiny Report.</p>	<p>TO</p>
<p>17/10/13 Item 6</p> <p>515/26</p>	<p>8. Jersey Innovation Fund</p> <p>The Panel considered the transcript of the Public Hearing held with the Minister for Economic Development on 17th October 2013 on P.121/2013 Jersey Innovation Fund: Board Remuneration. It agreed to request additional information from the Economic Development Department to follow up evidence given at the Public Hearing, subject to which it would finalise Comments for presentation to the States.</p>	<p>TO</p>
<p>17/10/13 Item 7</p> <p>515/1(29)</p>	<p>9. Draft Aquatic Resources (Jersey) Law 201-</p> <p>The Panel recalled that it had received a joint briefing with the Environment Scrutiny Panel on 24th October, from Officers of the Economic Development and Environment Department regarding the Draft Aquatic Resources (Jersey) Law 201-. It had been agreed that a number of points raised by the Panels at the briefing would be followed up by the Executive Officers, after which a further meeting would be held to discuss the outcome of that work.</p>	<p>TO</p>
<p>17/10/13 Item 8</p> <p>515/1(24)</p>	<p>10. Work Programme</p> <p>The Panel considered a work-stream update paper from the Economic Development Department, in conjunction with its own current and planned work programme. It was agreed to request further information from the Department on work relating to Intellectual Property, and noted that agreement has been reached between officers for a separate paper to be received from the Chief Minister's Department regarding Financial Services work-streams.</p> <p>It was further noted, as previously recognised, that a number of the Department's projects identified for Review had or would be converging shortly, placing additional pressure for the foreseeable future on both Members' time and current officer resources. The timing of the resulting concurrent Reviews was considered, and it was agreed that these would be staggered as effectively as possible within the recognised constraints to help establish a manageable workload. It was further agreed that officer resources would be discussed by the officer with the Scrutiny Manager, to determine the availability of any additional support.</p>	<p>TO</p>
	<p>11. Future meetings</p>	

	The Panel noted that its next meeting was scheduled for 9.30am in Le Capelain Room, States Building on 13th November 2013.	
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