## **Environment Scrutiny Panel**

## **Record of Meeting**

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010 Meeting Number: 31

Present	Deputy P Rondel (Chairman) (PR)	
	Connétable J Refault (JR)	
	Deputy D Wimberley (Vice Chairman) (DW)	
In attendance	M. Orbell, Scrutiny Officer	

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	1. Record of meeting	
	The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2010 were approved and signed.	
07.10.10	2. Draft Sustainable Transport Policy	
Item 3	The Panel discussed amendments to P.104/2010. It was believed that the Constable of St Helier might drop the part of his amendment proposing a trial of pedestrianisation in Halkett Place, despite indications that this may have been supported by the Minister. The Panel decided not to accept an invitation received by the Chairman to discuss this matter with market traders; the Chairman would respond accordingly.	PR
	The Panel noted that some online media comments on the Panel's report had inaccurately characterised it as being highly critical of the draft policy. The Panel was in fact supportive of the department's aims, but did not feel the policy went far enough in some areas or had sufficient funding to guarantee success.	
07.10.10 Item 4	3. Protecting Our Marine Environment (POME)	,,,
Kem 4	It was noted that the original timetable to complete the POME review and present a report during December no longer appeared realistic. The Scrutiny Officer was asked to contact the adviser to request a written update on his findings so far, and establish whether it would be feasible for him to continue working on the review into 2011, with a visit to the Island in early January.	МО
07.10.10 Item 5	4. Draft Energy Policy	
nem 3	The Panel received an initial draft of terms of reference and scoping notes prepared following consultation with the department. In the absence of the lead officer (on annual leave) it was agreed to postpone detailed discussion of this matter until the next Panel meeting.	MH
	5. Energy Efficiency Service	
	The Panel was briefed by the Chairman regarding information received from a third party in respect of quotes for work to be carried out under the Planning and Environment Department's energy efficiency scheme. There were queries about the appropriateness and pricing of some of the work. It was understood that this matter had already been brought to the attention of the department without result; members agreed that	

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	the correspondence should be brought to the attention of the Minister.	MO
02.09.10 Item 9	6. Energy from Waste Plant and Ramsar The Panel noted the following matters:	
	(a) Recent correspondence between Defra, the Planning and Environment Department and the Ramsar Secretariat in respect of Article 3.2 reporting;	
	(b) A call from Save Our Shoreline (SOS) for a judicial review into the circumstances surrounding the recent grant of a discharge permit to the Transport and Technical Services Department in respect of the Energy from Waste Plant;	
	(c) Further email contact from SOS received on 12th November 2010 regarding the Department's correspondence with Defra.	МО
	Members agreed to request information from the Minister regarding the alleged environmental incident at the EfW site in early 2009 (if necessary in confidence) so that the Panel could make an informed decision on whether an Article 3.2 report should have been submitted. Without this it was felt that the Panel would not be able to 'sign off' its report and recommendations. It was noted that SOS believed from information they possessed that any assurances given to Defra	мо
	concerning this matter were unreliable.  The Panel agreed to request clarification from the Minister on the circumstances leading to the call for judicial review into the discharge permit application.	
	7. Speed limits proposition P.167/2010	
	The Panel considered whether it should "call in" this proposition for review. Members agreed that the report was lacking in evidence and its conclusions were therefore questionable. It was decided to prepare Panel comments on the proposition in time for the debate in January, to include references to recent speed limit changes in St Clement which had been passed separately by ministerial decision; and the need for adequate policing of speed limits for these to be effective.	МО
	8. Matters for Information	
	Forthcoming meetings:	
	<ul> <li>(a) Quarterly briefing with Minister for Planning and Environment:         Le Capelain Room, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am</li> <li>(b) Next scheduled Panel meeting:         Blampied Room, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 8.30am</li> </ul>	

Signed	Date:
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