Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 12th August 2009 Meeting Number: 21

Present	Connétable G. F. Butcher
	Deputy R. G. Le Hérissier, Chairman
	Deputy M. Tadier
	Deputy T. M. Pitman
Apologies	Deputy T Vallois (Item 3)
Absent	
In attendance	Mrs. E. Liddiard, Scrutiny Officer
	Miss K Boydens, Scrutiny Officer

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	1. Records of Meetings	
	The records of the meetings of 8 th July 2009, 14 th July 2009, 24 th July 2009 and 27 th July 2009 were approved and signed.	
	2. Matters Arising	
	a) The Panel noted the status of action updates from the previous meeting on the 8 th July 2009.	
	b) The Panel noted briefing notes of the Chairmen's Committee meeting of the 23 rd July 2009.	
Item 5 08.07.09	3. Fort Regent Review	
516/16(8)	The Panel noted a paper from the Adviser that provided comments on the first draft of the report and also recommendations for their consideration.	
	The Panel requested the Officer to ask the Adviser to produce a comparison of financial models which have been used by, for example, local authorities in the United Kingdom, in order to handle similar leisure facilities.	EL
	The Panel discussed the first draft of the report for the review and advised the Officer of alterations and additions to be made. The Panel agreed to have any further comments on the first draft to the Officer by Friday 14 th August 2009.	EL
	The Panel further requested the Officer to arrange a meeting to review the second draft on Friday 4 th September 2009, 9.30am to be held at Fort Regent.	EL
Item 1 24.07.09	4. Schools Suspension Review	
516/19(8)	The Chairman of the Sub Panel provided an update on the progress of the review to the Panel, making reference to submissions received to	

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	date.	
	The Officer informed the Panel that a request for background information had been sent to the Department for Education, Sport and Culture, which included a request for the new draft policy being developed for Student Suspension procedures.	
	The Officer further informed the Panel that contact had been made with a potential candidate for the Adviser role. The Panel requested the Officer to expand the search for an Adviser to the United Kingdom as well, to provide broader knowledge and experience of another system.	SP/EL
	The Panel discussed the possibility of holding Public Hearings for the Review during the week of 14 th September 2009.	
Item 1	5. 2010 Annual Business Plan	
14.07.09 516/20(8)	The Panel considered information provided by both the Ministers for Home Affairs and for Education, Sport and Culture in relation to proposed pro-rata funding cuts to departmental budgets for the 2010 Business Plan.	
Item 5	The Panel agreed specific amendments to be drafted and subsequently lodged "au Greffe". 6. Sex Offenders (Jersey) Law 200-	EL
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	The Panel requested the Officer to obtain the latest draft of the Sex Offenders (Jersey) Law 200- from the Department for Home Affairs.	EL
	The Panel further requested the Officer to provide notice to the Minister for Home Affairs that they may wish to consider the draft Legislation in more detail when it is brought to the States Assembly. The Panel was mindful of the importance of the Legislation and the effect of any delay.	EL
Item 5	7. Previous Panel's Early Years Review	
12.05.09 516/8(6)	The Panel noted a progress report from the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture on the recommendations made in the previous Panel's Early Years Review.	
	8. Forthcoming Legislation	
	The Panel noted forthcoming propositions lodged "au Greffe" pertinent to the Panel's remit.	
	9. Ministerial Decisions	
	The Panel noted receipt of recent Ministerial Decisions pertinent to its remit.	
	10. Questions to Ministers	
	The Panel noted that the Ministers for Education, Sport and Culture and for Health and Social Sciences would take questions without notice at the States sitting of 8 th September 2009. The Panel requested the	
	Officers circulate its suggested questions prior to that date by email. 11. Vetting and Barring Presentation	EL
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	The Panel noted receipt of copies of the presentation made to States Members on Monday 27 th July 2009 with regards to the Vetting and Barring Scheme being implemented in the UK.	

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	The Panel requested the Officer to draft a statement for the Minister for Home Affairs to inform his department that the Panel is aware of the overall need for this legislation, however due to the possible implications it could bring with it, such as those for civil liberties, the Panel intended to monitor any progress made for the Legislation in Jersey very carefully.	EL
Item 1	12. Prison Board of Visitors report	
27.07.09		
516/17(8)	The Panel noted that the presentation of this report had now been moved to the week beginning 17 th August 2009.	
	13. Future Meetings	
	The Panel noted that the next Panel Meeting would be 16 th September 2009 at 9.30am in Blampied Room, States Building.	

Signed

Date:

Chairman

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