

# Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

14th June 2017

Present	Deputy S.M. Brée, Chairman Deputy D. Johnson, Vice-Chairman Connétable J.E. Le Maistre (items 1-4 only) Connétable M.J. Paddock
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr M. Orbell, Scrutiny Officer

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	<b>1. Records of meetings</b>  The Minutes of the meetings held on 8th, 10th, 12th, 17th May and 5th June 2017 were approved and signed.	<b>MO</b>
<b>Item 1 22.06.16  515/37</b>	<b>2. Dormant Accounts</b>  The Panel considered a briefing note received from the Financial Services Unit concerning the implementation of the Dormant Bank Accounts (Jersey) Law 2017. In response to questions from the department it was agreed that the Panel had no objection to the Association of Jersey Charities becoming the designated body for distribution of any funds collected under the law. However, there was some concern that this might limit distribution strictly to registered charities, as opposed to any other good causes. It was agreed to query whether the range of causes able to be supported could be widened, perhaps through some form of direction from the Minister to the Association.	<b>MO</b>
<b>Item 1 05.06.17  515/39</b>	<b>3. Jersey Sport: Establishment</b>  The Panel considered the contents of a revised Partnership Agreement between Jersey Sport Limited and Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture (EDTSC) just received from the department. Several issues were identified, although having been advised that the Minister was planning to sign the agreement later that morning it was believed to be too late to ask for further amendments.	<b>MO</b>
<b>Item 2 12.05.17  515/35</b>	<b>4. Licensing Law</b>  The Panel considered the recent lodging of the draft law. Members noted an unusual statement concerning Collective Responsibility in the Report on the Proposition, allowing the Minister for External Affairs to differ in respect of the composition of the proposed Licensing Authority. As the move from judicial to political control of the licensing process was considered by the Panel to be a key aspect of the proposed draft law, it was agreed that the Chairman should write to the Assistant Minister for EDTSC asking for a full explanation of the reasons behind the statement.	<b>MO</b>

	<p>Members further agreed that now the draft legislation had been finalised and lodged a letter should be sent to the Bailiff asking for his comments on it. The Panel also decided to write to the Attorney General for his opinion on the inclusion of a health objective in the draft Jersey law, following comments in a recent House of Lords Select Committee report indicating that a similar objective was not considered appropriate for equivalent English legislation.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to press ahead with its review, pending confirmation of any amendment in respect of the composition of the Licensing Authority. It was decided to look again at scoping and consider practical aspects of the law (such as policing requirements) in more detail. The Scrutiny Officer was asked to identify potential witnesses for public hearings.</p>	<p><b>MO</b></p> <p><b>MO</b></p> <p><b>MO</b></p>
	<p><b>5. Digital Jersey</b></p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 11.30am to allow members to proceed to the Digital Hub for a meeting with Mr. Tony Moretta (Chief Executive Officer) and Mr. James Linder of Digital Jersey.</p>	
	<p><b>6. Forthcoming meetings</b></p> <p>Next scheduled Panel meeting: 9.30am on 28th June 2017, Blampied Room, States Building.</p>	<p><b>MO</b></p>