

Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 10th June 2015

Present	Deputy L. M. C. Doublet, Chairman Deputy J. M. Maçon, Vice-Chairman Deputy S. Y. Mezec Deputy J.A. Martin (Co-opted Member for SEN Review, item 6 only)
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr M. Robbins, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p>1. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th May 2015 were approved for signing.</p>	
<p>Item 2 18.05.15 516/1/1(7)</p>	<p>2. Conflicts of Interest</p> <p>Deputy Mezec pointed out that the local Human Rights Group had been invited to make a submission in relation to the Prison Board of Visitors. The Deputy was the head of that group and had withdrawn completely from the submission process.</p>	
<p>516/1/1(4)</p>	<p>3. Education Business Plan</p> <p>The Panel had previously received a copy of the Education Business Plan 2015. The Panel raised numerous areas of interest or concern. It agreed that a briefing from the Department would be very useful.</p>	MR
<p>Item 5 18.05.15 513/45</p>	<p>4. Medium Term Financial Plan</p> <p>The Panel examined the list of growth bids that had been considered by the Education, Sport and Culture and the Home Affairs Departments. It recognised that there were many questions that came to mind from the information provided. It was decided that briefings were to be arranged for the Panel, to be held once the full documentation was available.</p>	MR
<p>Item 1 18.05.15 516/43</p>	<p>5. Prison Board of Visitors</p> <p>The Lead Member for the review was due to meet with the Chief Officer of Home Affairs to discuss information that was confidential at that time but that might have significant impact on the review.</p> <p>The Panel noted that following a meeting between the Officer and the Prison Governor, the questionnaire for prisoners at HM Prison was ready to be distributed within the Prison. This was to be done within a few days.</p>	MR MR
<p>Item 7 18.05.15</p>	<p>6. Special Education Needs Provision</p> <p>The Panel recalled its visits to First Tower and Grouville Schools and</p>	

<p>516/42</p>	<p>considered the staff had been open and frank with the Panel. That had provided the Panel with significant amounts of useful information for the review.</p> <p>The Panel considered the Health Visitor assessment at 2 years old and questioned if that was sufficiently stringent to recognise the requirement for Special Education Needs in the children examined. The Panel also required that the Maternity Ward was contacted to establish what information and documentation was given to parents of new-borns where there was a diagnosis of, or the high risk of, the need for Special Education Needs.</p> <p>The Panel undertook preparation work for its forthcoming Public Hearing with the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p>
	<p>7. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted the next meeting was scheduled for 9.30am on Monday 6th July 2015 in the Blampied Room.</p> <p>It also noted that the Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Home Affairs was to be held at 1500hrs on Friday 19th June 2015.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>MR</p>