

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 17th March 2010

Meeting 72

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| Present | Senator S.C. Ferguson, Chairman Connétable D.J. Murphy Deputy T.A. Vallois |
| Apologies | Deputy C.H. Egré, Vice-Chairman |
| Absent | |
| In attendance | Mr M. Robbins, Scrutiny Officer Miss K. Boydens, Scrutiny Officer |

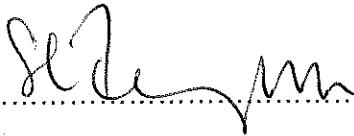
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| | <p>1. Records of Meeting</p> <p>The Panel approved and signed the records of its meetings of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 24th February 2010 b) 3rd March 2010 c) 3rd March 2010 <p>The Panel noted that the minutes of the meeting of 3rd March pertaining to the private meeting held with the Director of Property Holdings, contained items suitable for the public domain. The officer concerned had confirmed this to be the case. It was, therefore agreed to release them as a public record.</p> | |
| | <p>2. Matters Arising and Action Updates</p> <p>The Panel noted the action updates from its last Panel Meeting.</p> <p>In relation to the request for information from H.M. Attorney General in connection with the amount of agencies able to enter a person's home either with or without a warrant, the Panel noted the letter of acknowledgement from the Law Offices and agreed that it wanted further information relating to the amount of new crimes recorded in recent years. It was decided that the Chairman would examine what had been happening in the United Kingdom before anything else was undertaken..</p> | SF |
| 03/03/10 Item 3 513/25(8) | <p>3. Data Protection</p> <p>The Panel received an update on the Data Protection review from the Sub-Panels' Chairman. It was noted that the Sub-Panel had aimed to have the final report published on 31st March 2010. Due to the illness of the Sub-Panel advisor and late receipt of more specialised advice on human rights from a specialist advisor, the publication had been deferred until 9th April 2010. The Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources had been advised.</p> | |
| 03/03/10 Item 4 | <p>4. Forecasting of Expenditure</p> <p>The Panel noted that final details were being dealt with to the report</p> | |

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| 513/20(8) | which would be published as soon as possible. It was noted that the Chairman was to meet with the lead officer to forward the process. | MR |
| 03/03/09 | 5. Human Resources Review | |
| Item 5 513/1(25) | The Panel noted that the Comptroller and Auditor General was undertaking a review into absence management. It was expected that the report for this review was to be published at the end of April 2010. It was agreed that there were areas relating to absence policy and management, which were of significant interest to the Panel. These were to be revisited after the publication of the Comptroller and Auditor Generals' report. It was noted that although the Panel had received advice that there was a review taking place into whistleblowing within the Human Resources Department, the Chief Minister had stated in the quarterly hearing with the Panel the previous day, that there was no such review taking place. This would be an area the Director would be expected to cover within her briefing, which had been arranged for the 31 st March 2010. | MR /KB |
| | 6. Proposed Review Topic. The Panel welcomed Mr M. Dun who gave a presentation to the Panel on two areas he considered required some form of scrutiny; a. The publication of government information for public consumption; and. b. The conduct of government meetings and activities. The Panel decided to move this to the next agenda for further consideration. | MR / KB |
| 03/03/10 Item 8 513/23(8) | 7. Economic Stimulus Plan The Panel noted that the Ministerial response to the report was due on 26 th March 2010. The Panel requested a full update from the Department in order that it could consider whether a further review was required. The Minister for Treasury and Resources was to be questioned about the concerns at the forthcoming quarterly Hearing. It was understood that the Chamber of Commerce reported that the effects of the Stimulus Plan were not being felt by its members. The Minister for Treasury and Resources was to be asked to clarify why this should be the case. | MR /KB MR /KB |
| | 8. Ministerial Decisions The Panel noted the Ministerial Decisions taken by the Chief Minister and the Minister for Treasury and Resources. The Panel noted MD-TR-2010-0034 a Ministerial Decision relating to the approval of the Queen Elizabeth II Lifetime of Service along with the Diamond Jubilee Gold Plated Coloured Coin proposals. It required that the business case be explained by the Minister for Treasury and Resources at the forthcoming quarterly hearing. There was also discussion on MD-PH-2010-0005, relating to the leasing of units at Liberty Wharf. It was decided that one member was to monitor the proceedings to ensure there were no problems relating to competition laws. | MR /KB TV |
| | 9. Forthcoming Propositions The Panel noted forthcoming propositions within its area of remit. | |

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| | <p>10. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted the postponement of the quarterly hearing with the Minister for Treasury and Resources on the 31st March 2010 due to the Minister being unavailable. The Panel agreed that a proposed alternative date of 16th April 2010 at 0900 hours was suitable. All parties were to be advised of a venue once the hearing was confirmed.</p> <p>The Panel noted that it would next meet in the Blampied Room, States Building at 0930 hours on Wednesday 31st March 2010 for a scheduled meeting.</p> | <p>MR /KB</p> |
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Chairman, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

