

# Environment Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: **17th June 2010**

Meeting Number: 25

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

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	<p><b>1. Records of meetings</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meetings of 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were approved and signed.</p>	
	<p><b>2. Matters arising</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the Action update arising from the meeting held on 19th May 2010.</p>	
	<p><b>3. Correspondence</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the following correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Minister for Transport and Technical Services letter dated 19th May 2010 on Waste Management Licence and Discharge Consent Application for the Energy from Waste (EfW) plant</li> <li>b) Letter to Planning and Environment Minister dated 21st May 2010 - outcomes of meeting 18th May 2010 concerning response to Panel report on Ramsar review</li> <li>c) Letter to Transport and Technical Services Minister dated 26th May 2010 regarding 2% CSR proposals</li> <li>d) Letter to Planning and Environment Minister dated 28th May 2010 re meeting with Island Plan inspectors</li> <li>e) Letter to Deputy Chief Executive, dated 9th June 2010 on Energy Efficiency in States Buildings</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Item 4</b> <b>01.04.10</b></p>	<p><b>4. Topic proposals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Methane Gas in St Ouen's Bay</b> The Panel, having noted that it had received no further information on this proposal, agreed not to pursue this topic.</li> <li>b) <b>Radon</b> The Panel considered a briefing paper prepared by the Scrutiny Officer based primarily on the World Health Organisation (WHO) Radon Handbook (2009). The Panel noted that the UK authorities appeared to be taking proactive steps to alert home owners in areas of high recordings of radon to the protective measures available to them. The Panel agreed that this matter merited further investigation and requested that the Medical Officer of Health be invited to a future meeting to discuss the potential health implications for Jersey.</li> </ul>	<p><b>MO</b></p>

<p><b>Item 8</b> <b>07.05.10</b></p>	<p><b>5. Comprehensive Spending Review - 2011 savings proposals</b> The Panel considered a briefing paper prepared by the Scrutiny Officer regarding the 2011 savings proposals of the Planning and Environment Department.</p>	<p><b>MH</b></p>
<p><b>Item 1</b> <b>07.05.10</b></p>	<p><b>6. Sustainable Transport Policy</b> The Panel discussed a number of amendments to a draft scoping document and terms of reference for a review of the draft Sustainable Transport Policy and requested that they be circulated for final approval prior to being forwarded to the Chairmen's Committee The Panel agreed to launch this review once the Minister for Transport and Technical Services had lodged his White Paper.</p>	<p><b>MO</b></p>
<p><b>Item 4</b> <b>07.05.10</b></p>	<p><b>7. Draft Island Plan - Independent Examination in Public</b> The Panel noted that the Minister's report on the draft Island Plan consultation gave a very detailed response to the large number of consultation submissions from the public and that a further report was to be published the following week. Members agreed that the revised timetable and arrangements for the independent examination in public were welcome as they would allow adequate time for the public and stakeholders to respond to the Minister's proposed amendments to the Island Plan. The Panel considered correspondence dated 15th June 2010 from the Director of Planning in response to its comments on the initial arrangements for the independent examination in public and agreed to respond highlighting the importance of publicising the second round consultation through the media.</p>	<p><b>MO</b></p>
<p><b>Item 4</b> <b>19.05.10</b></p>	<p><b>8. Protecting our Marine Environment</b> The Panel agreed some minor amendments to the terms of reference and requested that they be forwarded to the Comptroller and Auditor General for information. Members were informed that a draft timetable had been agreed in consultation with officers from the Environment Department. Officers were requested to prepare a press release regarding the launch of this review. Members also received an update from the Scrutiny officer on the search for a suitable adviser.</p>	<p><b>MO</b></p>
<p><b>Item 5</b> <b>19.05.10</b></p>	<p><b>9. Energy from Waste Plant and Ramsar: Review of Planning Process</b> The Panel noted that a response had not yet been received from the Minister for Planning and Environment to the Chairman's letter dated 21st May 2010 regarding the outcome of the meeting to discuss the recommendations arising from its report SR1/2010. Members asked officers to clarify whether the Minister had accepted the Panel's recommendations, particularly in respect of the proposal for Article 3.2 Reporting.</p>	<p><b>MO</b></p>
<p><b>Item 6</b> <b>01.04.10</b> <b>514/9(8)</b></p>	<p><b>10. Energy from Waste Plant - Discharge Consent Applications</b> The Panel considered the discharge applications together with accompanying reports which had been supplied by the Regulator. Members were informed of comments received from the Panel's adviser. Members agreed to submit comments on the applications querying in particular the significant volume of heated waters discharged into</p>	<p><b>MO</b></p>

	<p>surrounding waters, the methodology for the dosing of biocide and the potential for bio-accumulation of toxins in fish or shellfish. Members were concerned about the potential impact of the discharges on receiving waters pumped into nearby viviers and the nourrices in the fairway outside the La Collette marina.</p> <p>Members enquired whether the newly formed Ramsar Management Authority had acted as a consultee for the discharge application.</p> <p>The Panel also received a copy of a submission from Save Our Shoreline on the applications and noted further comments on the conduct of the initial meetings of the Ramsar Management Authority.</p>	
<p><b>Item 7</b> <b>29.04.10</b></p>	<p><b>11. Bottled Water</b></p> <p>The Panel received an update on the planned Eco-Active Time for Tap campaign against bottled water.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to invite the Managing Director of Jersey Water to discuss the quality of local tap water.</p>	MH
<p><b>Item 2</b> <b>19.05.10</b></p>	<p><b>12. St Helier Food Waste Composting</b></p> <p>The Panel asked for an update report on this facility</p>	MH
	<p><b>13. Ministerial Decisions</b></p> <p>The Panel noted recent ministerial decisions related to the Panel's remit.</p> <p>The Panel queried the information supplied in the decision summary relating to the appointment of consultants for the North of Town Masterplan.</p>	MH
	<p><b>14. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the following meetings:</p> <p>(i) 21st June at 2pm in the Blampied Room - meeting with Planning and Environment Minister to discuss 2011 Comprehensive Spending Review proposals</p> <p>(ii) 15th July 2010 at 8.30am in Blampied Room - next scheduled Panel meeting</p>	

Signed

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Chairman, Environment Panel

