

Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 24th January 2011

Meeting 72

Present	Deputy M.R. Higgins, Chairman Deputy J.M. Maçon Deputy D.J.A. Wimberley
Apologies	Deputy C.F. Labey, Vice-Chairman
Absent	Deputy S. Pitman
In attendance	Mr. T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer

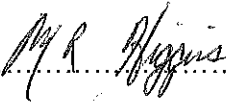
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	<p>1. Records of Previous Meetings</p> <p>The Panel approved the record of its meeting held on 14th December 2010, subject to an agreed minor amendment.</p>	TO
	<p>2. Forthcoming Propositions</p> <p>The Panel agreed that any forthcoming proposition lodged <i>au Greffe</i> by the Minister for Economic Development between Panel meetings would only be included on its Agendas if specifically requested to be so by a Panel Member. That Member would be expected to brief the Panel about the proposition and the proposed Panel work at the associated meeting.</p>	
	<p>3. Ministerial Decisions</p> <p>The Panel noted that the response to its request for the Economic Development Department to provide additional detail to the information contained in publicly available Ministerial Decision summaries relating to certain Regulation of Undertakings applications, had been marked as confidential. It agreed that it would not sign a confidentiality agreement at this stage but would enquire as to why that information was considered to be confidential.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that Ministerial Decisions made by the Minister for Economic Development between Panel Meetings would be circulated to the Panel during Agenda preparation. Only those Decisions specifically requested by a Panel Member would then be included on the final Agenda. That Member would be expected to lead the Panel discussion about the Decision and proposed Panel work at the associated meeting.</p>	TO
<p>22/10/10, Item 6</p> <p>515/19(8)</p>	<p>4. Airport and Harbours</p> <p>The Panel received an update on the progress of the Sub-Panel Review from the Chairman. The Chairman advised the Panel that he would be seeking to arrange the first meeting of the Sub-Panel later that week in order to progress its draft Terms of Reference and draft</p>	Chairman

	Scoping Document. In conjunction, it was agreed that the draft documents would be circulated electronically to the Sub-Panel and main Panel.	TO
22/11/10, Item 7 515/21(8)	<p>5. Jersey Post & Competition</p> <p>The Panel recalled that the Sub-Panel Chairman had been absent from all but one of its previous meetings since 23rd June 2010. It noted that she was again absent from a main Panel meeting and, consequently, again unable to provide an update on the progress of the Review.</p> <p>The Panel noted that the extended deadline for the Jersey Post and Competition Sub-Panel to present its report would pass at the end of the month. The Panel was informed that since it had agreed to the extension of the Sub-Panel Review at the beginning of November 2010, after the original target of October had passed, the Sub-Panel has not met or undertaken any work.</p> <p>The Panel considered the merits of concluding/continuing the Review in light of not only the above but also previously recorded concerns; the implications that the Review was having, or potentially would have, on Panel resources, the 2011 Work Programme and the attitudes of, amongst others, the Chairmen's Committee and stakeholders towards it; and the wider perception of stakeholders and the public to Scrutiny.</p> <p>The Panel was minded to agree the immediate ending of the Review, however, in the absence of the Sub-Panel Chairman from the meeting it agreed that it would write to the Sub-Panel by email in order to offer the opportunity for comment before taking a final decision.</p>	TO
08/10/10, Item 9 515/18(8)	<p>6. Rural Economy Strategy</p> <p>The Panel noted the Official Ministerial Response to the report SR11/2010. It received an update on the proposed follow up work of the Sub-Panel from its Vice-Chairman, who advised that the next step would be questions to the Minister and Assistant for Economic Development at the next Quarterly Update Hearing.</p>	
14/12/10, Item 3 515/1(24)	<p>7. Work Programme 2011</p> <p>The Panel considered its draft 2011 Work Programme, which it approved in principle, noting that the final version would be subject to the impending decision to be taken regarding the future of the Jersey Post and Competition Review. If the Jersey Post Review was removed from the Work Programme, the scoping process for the Jersey Enterprise Review would begin in its place. The Panel requested that documentation previously received from the Economic Development Department regarding Jersey Enterprise should be re-circulated ahead of the possible commencement of that process.</p>	TO
	<p>8. Economic Development Department Business Plan 2011</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of the Economic Development Department's Business Plan 2011.</p>	
04/10/10, Item 9	<p>9. Tourism PPP</p> <p>The Panel considered correspondence from the Minister for Economic Development containing his response to follow up</p>	

515/15(8)	questions it had sent to him in relation to its 2010 report. The Panel agreed that it would take up the offer made by the Minister for Members to attend a meeting of the Tourism Marketing Panel, and requested the Officer to liaise with the Department regarding arrangements.	TO
	<p>10. Annual Report 2010</p> <p>The Panel considered its draft 2010 Annual report and agreed certain amendments. It requested that the amended report should be circulated electronically to the Panel.</p>	TO
	<p>11. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel agreed to request the availability of the Minister Economic Development to attend a Quarterly Update Public Hearing on the morning of 18th February 2010 in Le Capelain Room, States Building.</p> <p>The Panel also agreed its timetable of meetings for 2011, noting that its next meeting was scheduled to take place on 14th February in Le Capelein Room, States Building, from 9.30am.</p>	TO

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Chairman,
Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel