

Chairmen's Committee

Record of Meeting

Date: 25th April 2017

Present	Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré, President and Chairman, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel Deputy S.M. Brée, Chairman, Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel Deputy D. Johnson, Chairman, Environment, Housing and Technical Services Scrutiny Panel Deputy A.D. Lewis, Chairman, Public Accounts Committee Deputy T.A. Vallois, Vice-Chairman, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel
Apologies	Deputy L.M.C. Doublet, Vice-President and Chairman, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel Deputy R. Renouf, Chairman, Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel
Absent	
In attendance	Mr T. Oldham, Scrutiny Manager

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	1. Records of meetings The Committee approved the records of its meetings held on 13th, 21st and 23rd March, and 10th and 18th April. The records were signed accordingly by the President.	
	2. Activity Reports Panel and PAC activity reports were noted by the Committee.	
21.03.17 Item 5 510/1(46)	3. Role and Appointment of Assistant Ministers The Committee further discussed proposals initiated by the Chief Minister. It noted that it continued to await a response to its request for clarification about the rationale, objectives and timeframe of the work. It was agreed that the President would write to the Chief Minister on behalf of the Committee to express its significant reservations about the proposals. This would include drawing the Chief Minister's attention to the 2016 report <i>Review of the Functioning of Tynwald</i> , undertaken by Lord Lisvane with regard to the machinery of government in the Isle of Man. The report identified a number of serious risks associated with the lack of separation of roles between Parliament and the Executive.	JLF/TO
21.03.17 Item 6 510/1(86)	4. Protocol for Engagement between Scrutiny Panels/PAC and the Executive The Committee received an update from the President on the progress of the Working Group. It was noted that the Law Officer's Department had been contacted in respect of the legal advice section, which it was anticipated would be completed shortly.	JLF/TO

	<p>It was agreed that a footnote would be added to the Protocol to clarify the intended scope of references to 'States owned bodies', which should be taken to include 'any entities created by the States of Jersey'.</p> <p>It was recalled that a letter would shortly be sent by the President to the Chairman of PPC to update the Committee's position on legislative scrutiny. Alongside its proposed framework for the automatic referral of all legislation to Panels upon lodging, the Committee agreed to include a similar, parallel referral framework for the scrutiny of Executive Propositions.</p> <p>The Committee was informed by the President that feedback had been received from the Chairman of PAC that morning in respect of the content of the Engagement Protocol. The Committee agreed that such feedback would preferably have been submitted considerably earlier in the drafting process. It was also noted that the feedback might relate to a previous draft of the Protocol or the existing Code of Practice. It was, however, agreed that ahead of the next meeting the observations would be considered by the President and, where necessary and feasible, reflected in the draft. The Committee would be updated once the initial assessment had been undertaken.</p>	<p>JLF/TO</p> <p>JLF/TO</p>
<p>21.02.17 Item 7</p> <p>511/2/1</p>	<p>5. Residential Property Transactions Review Panel</p> <p>Deputy D. Johnson, Chairman of the Review Panel, updated the Committee about the progress of the Review. The Committee's previous agreement with the Head of Scrutiny that the required Officer resource would be allocated from within the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel's Officer provision was recalled. However, due to that Panel's continued high workload, the release of the relevant Officer would be delayed. The Review Panel's planned re-scoping of its review would therefore remain on hold.</p>	
	<p>6. Measures of Panel Output and Financial Reports 2016 and Q1 2017</p> <p>The Committee discussed data on selected measures of Scrutiny Panel output from 2009 to present, and noted financial reports for 2016 and Quarter 1 2017. It was agreed that further consideration would be given to the information at the next meeting, and that individual Chairmen might choose to circulate the information for discussion at Panel level. The Committee also agreed to request the attendance of the Greffier at its next meeting to discuss future Scrutiny resources.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>TO</p>
	<p>7. Future Meetings</p> <p>It was noted that the Committee's next meeting was scheduled to take place on 16th May at 9.30am, Le Capelain Room, States Building.</p>	

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President, Chairmen's Committee