

Environment Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: **27th July 2007**

Meeting Number: **54**

Present	Deputy R.C. Duhamel (Chairman) (RD) Connétable K. A. Le Brun of St Mary (KB) Connétable A. S. Crowcroft (SC) Deputy P. V. F. Le Claire.(PLC)
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mrs C. Le Quesne, Scrutiny Officer M. Haden, Scrutiny Officer

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1	Minutes of the meeting of 10th July 2007 were approved	
2	Matters arising - The Panel reconsidered its contribution to the Scrutiny Newsletter and reconfirmed its agreement to publicise its forthcoming reviews in the newsletter.	
3.	Design of Homes Review - The Scrutiny Officer circulated copies of the draft report. Members were requested to return comments by 1st August 2007. The Panel agreed to consider a proposal for a joint visit to Sweden in September with the Planning and Environment Minister. Deputy P. Le Claire requested that reference to him as lead member be removed from the report as he had not significantly participated in its development.	
4.	<p>Waste Recycling Review - The Panel considered the Minister's response to its report and noted that he had dismissed many of the Panel's findings. It was agreed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to issue a press release as soon as possible responding to the Minister's assertions; • to submit a detailed response to the Minister as soon as possible clarifying in robust terms the evidence already gathered by the Panel in support of the conclusions in its report. The Chairman indicated that certain essential evidence had been received in confidence from recycling operations in the course of the site visits in the United Kingdom and in France. The Chairman circulated a draft response to the Minister's comments and asked members to feed back their comments to him by 1st August 2007; • to request the Minister to substantiate his comments and to provide a detailed reply before the end of the month (August) • to invite the Minister to a public hearing in early September to discuss this reply; • to use written and oral questions in the States to pursue lines of questioning in any areas where it believed that the Minister failed to provide satisfactory answers; • to seek endorsement of its report from respected experts in the field. The Chairman agreed to approach the Panel's adviser for 	<p style="text-align: center;">RD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RD</p>

	<p>suggestions of individuals to approach;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to defer the planned Parish road-shows until the above process had been completed. The Panel was of the view that these road-shows would be more appropriate to counter the Minister's proposition on waste management once this had been lodged 'au Greffe'. <p>The Panel considered a draft leaflet regarding cost neutral recycling in Jersey. It felt that this should be more 'user-friendly' if it were to make an impact with the general public and agreed that</p> <p>The Panel noted the responses received to date from major United Kingdom supermarkets regarding the use of organic waste on agricultural land. It was agreed to await further responses.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to request Mr. Lamballais to prepare a detailed proposal for a possible visit to Brussels in respect of the people to be met and the purpose of those meetings. The Panel agreed to invite the Minister for Planning and Environment to accompany them on the visit should it decide to proceed and participate, the Chairman agreed to extend the invitation to the Minister. It was noted that the visit would cover more than just waste related issues and afford an opportunity to discuss issues relating to the provision of future energy supply development. The Panel directed the officer to take the necessary administrative action should the Chairman obtain the Ministers confirmation to attend.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>RD /CLQ</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Debate of P.85/2007</p> <p>The Panel considered the comments of the Transport and Technical Services Minister in the transcript of the debate on P.85/2007. It was considered that a number of his remarks were misleading; for example, his assertions that</p> <p>(i) ongoing investigations into alternative technologies had caused delays in reaching a decision about disposal of solid waste and the loss of an important tenderer and</p> <p>(ii) The Composting working party report had ignored certain information on supermarket protocols on the use of food waste and sewerage sludge on agricultural fields.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that the Minister should be required to substantiate or retract a number of assertions he had made in his speech. These matters would be addressed in the hearing planned for the beginning of September.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Composting site</p> <p>The Panel agreed to invite the Minister to a public hearing on 3rd August 2007 to discuss progress with the composting site at La Collette, specifically</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> his response to the recommendations of the Composting working party and his timetable for providing in-vessel equipment reasons why the Composting site is not closed when winds cause the dispersal of spores to neighbouring areas. 	<p>CLQ</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>States Annual Business Plan</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would be appropriate to comment on a number of issues in the draft Business Plan, for example</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> car parks, including the replacement of Gas Place composting facilities in the countryside town park 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sludge treatment - phase 2 • energy from waste - plant and ancillary works <p>The Chairman undertook to provide the Panel with a draft comment by 1st August 2007.</p>	RD
8	<p>Future Reviews</p> <p>The Panel considered the following proposals for future reviews -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Integrated Transport Policy 2. Air Quality 3. Energy - Emissions from waste plant; 4. Recycling of inert waste; 5. Tidal energy; 6. Planning - Hopkins master plan; 7. Waterfront; 8. EDAW Report 9. Waste - Energy from waste next step 10. Design of Homes -Follow up review <p>The Panel agreed to undertake the following review</p> <p>(i) Air Quality: to be commenced immediately. The Panel believed that this could be achieved within a 12 week period. The Scrutiny officer was requested to prepare draft terms of reference and a budget for the review and to scope terms of engagement for an adviser; and</p> <p>(ii) Integrated Transport Policy - to be commenced once the consultation draft had been released.</p> <p>(iii) Energy - to be commenced in 2008</p> <p>The Chairman undertook to prepare a press release announcing these reviews.</p> <p>The Panel further agreed to consider the impact of the Chief Minister's proposal to sell La Route de la Liberation when the relevant proposition was lodged "au Greffe" in the autumn.</p>	CLQ RD
9	<p>Panel membership</p> <p>The Chairman undertook to write to all non-Executive States members who might be in a position to join the Panel to invite them to fill the current vacancy on the Panel.</p>	RD
10	<p>Items for noting</p> <p>Assessing evidence, published by the Centre for Public Scrutiny Proposed Protocol for Ministers to respond to Scrutiny.</p>	
11	<p>Dates for Future meetings</p> <p>The Panel decided to cancel its next meeting scheduled for the 9th August 2007 and agreed the following dates:</p> <p>23rd August 2007 6th September 2007</p>	

Signed

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Chairman
Environment Panel

