

Health, Social Security and Housing Scrutiny Panel

Income Support Sub-Panel

PUBLIC SESSION

Record of Meeting

Date: **2nd March 2010**

Meeting Number: **12**

Present	Deputy G.P. Southern, Chairman Deputy T. Vallois Deputy D.J. De Sousa Connétable S.A. Yates Connétable D.W. Mezbourian
Apologies	Mr. E. Le Quesne
In attendance	C. Le Quesne, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p>1. Minutes</p> <p>The Sub-Panel received and approved its minutes of the 26th January 2010.</p>	
<p>Item 2 26.01.10</p>	<p>2. Media and Public Engagement</p> <p>The Sub-Panel decided that it would wish to undertake the following -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a re-run of its radio advertising; b) a public engagement event to take place on the 20th March 2010 between CT Maine and Hamon's between 10.00 am and 2.00 p.m; c) subject to the event being success the Sub-Panel would consider a repeat of the public engagement event on the 27th March; d) that AEA design be invited to prepare designs for two silk screens for the above events. It was noted that the screens would cost approximately £130 each plus artwork; e) Connétable Mezbourian, Connétable Yates and Deputy Vallois would attend the event for the first two hours, Deputy Southern and Deputy De Sousa would attend the last two hours. Mr. Le Quesne would be invited to attend the afternoon session. Officer attendance was requested. 	CLQ

	<p>The officer was directed to make the necessary arrangements for the event.</p>	
	<p>3. Administration</p> <p>The Sub-Panel noted the following -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That arrangements for a meeting with Age Concern had now been confirmed and would form part of the next scheduled meeting on 16th March 2010 at St. Thomas Community Centre starting at 2.30 pm. Any administrative decisions required could be taken at a short meeting which would follow in the Welcome Centre; 2. The Chairman and Deputy De Sousa advised that they had met with a representative from the Welcome Centre at St. Thomas's Church in an effort to increase its public engagement and reach more seldom-heard groups. An agreement had been reached to circulate posters to widen the review's reach to those groups and some discussion had taken place on the possibility of circulating a flyer about the review to the whole congregation with the regular church newsletter. Confirmation would be received with regard the later in the near future. Deputy De Sousa agreed to follow up on the circulation of the flyer; 3. The Sub-Panel was advised that a delay in uploading videos to Facebook until an assessment on resource implications could be undertaken was recommended by the Scrutiny Office. The Sub Panel did not consider that the production or uploading of videos would have significant resource implications and was minded to progress the matter. The Chairman advised that he would discuss the issue with the Greffier of the States; and, 4. An outline document of all the public engagement activities and timescales to be used by other Panels as requested at the previous meeting. 	
	<p>4. The Room at the Bridge</p> <p>The Sub-Panel agreed that it would reduce officer attendance to once a week on a Wednesday afternoon from 2.00 -5.00 pm. The Officer was directed to take the necessary action.</p>	
	<p>5. Statistics and interpretation</p> <p>The Sub-Panel discussed its approach to interpreting the data from its survey and the data that was expected from the Social Security Department at the end of March. It recognised that its Advisor Dr. Martin Evans would interpret the data from Social Security and that it would retain the services of Dr. S. Harkness to assist with examining indications from its survey data.</p> <p>The Sub-Panel noted that it had received some advice on weighting from the Statistics Unit and expressed appreciation for that assistance. It also considered a report entitled 'Assessing the reliability of evidence' from The Comptroller and Auditor General,</p>	

	<p>where the issue of corroboration of evidence was raised. The Sub-Panel agreed that whilst much of the information it was currently receiving was anonymous or anonymised and kept confidential it had previously and was being corroborated by evidence from professional organisations. In addition, many of the points raised in submissions were similar to issues addressed by States members when advocating for individuals. The Sub-Panel agreed that it was possible that further corroboration might be available subsequent to the survey data being interpreted and where possible assessed and validated against previous independent survey data.</p> <p>As an added precaution the Sub-Panel agreed that it would seek the view of the Statistics Unit on any indicative trends it believed had been identified to ensure that it was correctly understanding the data.</p>	
	<p>6. Meeting dates</p> <p>The Sub-Panel noted that the Chairman and Vice Chairman would attend a meeting with Methodist Leaders at 7.30 pm to discuss the review.</p> <p>It noted the following meetings and arrangements -</p> <p>The next meeting would be held on 16th March 2010, at 2.30 pm at St. Thomas Church, Community Centre where the Sub-Panel would meet with Age Concern, a short Sub-Panel meeting would follow at the Welcome Centre.</p> <p>Sub-Panel members would attend a meeting on 17th March 2010 at 7.30 pm at Mont à l'Abbé School where it would meet with the Parents Association.</p> <p>Sub-Panel members would attend a public engagement event on Saturday 20th March 2010 between 10 am-2.00 pm in King Street.</p>	

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Deputy G. P. Southern
Chairman

Date 16th March 2010