

## Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

11th January 2006

St. Brelade's Parish Hall

Present	Deputy G. P. Southern, Chairman Connétable M. K. Jackson Deputy A. Breckon Deputy J. A. Martin Deputy K. C. Lewis
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Carol Le Quesne, Scrutiny Officer Nathan Fox, Scrutiny Officer

Item No.	Agenda matter	Action
1.	<p><b>Minutes of the Meeting of 21st December 2005.</b></p> <p>These minutes were approved, with one minor amendment.</p>	NF
2.	<p><b>Officers' meeting with Department</b></p> <p>The Panel was informed that the Scrutiny Officers had met with Mr. M. King, Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Development Department [EDD], and Mr. B. Anthony, Liaison Officer on 10th January 2006.</p> <p>The officers reported that the meeting had been productive, and that the consensus had been that the Department would co-operate fully with the Panel, and looked forward to a positive working relationship.</p> <p>It was noted that an offer had been made to include notification on EDD consultation documents that submissions could be forwarded to Scrutiny if requested. The Panel agreed that this would be a positive approach and avoid duplication. Officers were requested to advise the Department that the offer was appreciated and a request would be made that this approach be taken for legislation and policy consultations.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Appointment of Vice-Chairman</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that Standing Order 135 (5) required the appointment of a Vice-Chairman. The Committee accordingly appointed Deputy A. Breckon to this position.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Chairman's Committee meeting with Chief Minister and Attorney General – 10th January 2006</b></p> <p>The Panel was informed that the Committee had discussed the matter of legal advice, and that H.M. Attorney General had agreed that if he were to remain the sole provider of legal advice to the government, as appeared likely, he would also provide legal advice to the</p>	

	<p>Scrutiny Panels on a confidential basis. That advice might or might not be the same advice as that provided to the Executive. A protocol outlining the terms of service would be developed.</p> <p>Additionally, it was agreed that the Chief Minister was to make himself available to the Chairman's Committee when needed to discuss issues of concern or interest as they arose. A meeting was to be arranged with the Council of Ministers following the presentation of the draft Strategic Plan to the States.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Economic Development Department Legislation</b></p> <p>The Committee considered a list of the legislation administered by the Economic Development Department.</p> <p>It was noted that legislation in respect of air and sea transport and the administration of Jersey Post were not included in the information provided.</p> <p>Officers were directed to obtain this information from the Department as soon as possible.</p>	<p>CLQ and NF</p> <p>CLQ and NF</p>
6.	<p><b>Work Programme for 2006</b></p> <p>The Panel noted a broad range of possible review topics proposed by States members, officers and the public, to which it made a number of additions. The Panel also received selection criteria for effective reviews. Members were requested to select three review topics which they considered the most important, in accordance with the selection criteria, for the next meeting.</p> <p>In order to obtain additional possible review topics, the Panel decided to write to industry bodies affected by the work of the Economic Development Department, as well as non-governmental organisations.</p>	<p>Members</p> <p>CLQ and NF</p>
7.	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>The Panel decided that its next meeting was to be held on 25th January 2006 at St. Saviour's Parish Hall. It was anticipated that the Minister would attend this meeting, and the Panel felt it appropriate that the meeting would be accessible to the public throughout.</p> <p>Officers were directed to take the appropriate action.</p>	<p>CLQ and NF</p>

Signed.....

Chairman: Deputy G. P. Southern