

Environment Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: **20th March 2008**

Meeting Number: **75**

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

Ref Back	Agenda matter	Action
1.	<p>Minutes.</p> <p>The Panel approved the Minutes of the meeting of 10th March 2008.</p> <p>RD. KLB. PLC.</p>	
2.	<p>Matters arising.</p> <p>The Action updates were noted.</p> <p>RD. KLB. PLC. SC.</p>	
3.	<p>Chairmen's Committee Briefing.</p> <p>The Panel noted the briefing notes for the Chairmen's Committee of the Panels business during February and the beginning of March.</p> <p>RD. KLB. PLC. SC.</p>	
4. Item 4 10.03.08	<p>Newsletter.</p> <p>The Panel approved the draft of the newsletter and made two minor typographical changes to the text.</p> <p>RD. KLB. PLC. SC.</p>	MR

<p>5</p> <p>Item 5 10.03.08</p>	<p>Annual Business Plan</p> <p>The Panel noted the current draft proposals from the Council of Ministers. It was noted that some items had a suggested finance route of Environmental Taxes. This caused concern for the Panel as no such taxes had been approved by the States to date. A request was to be made of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services and the Minister for Planning and Environment to outline their intentions and time lines for the proposed taxes.</p> <p>The Panel considered the possibilities of commenting on the business plans within the Waste Plant Review.</p> <p>RD. KLB. PLC. SC (Present for part of this item).</p>	<p>MR</p>
<p>6.</p> <p>Item 6 10.03.08</p>	<p>Planning Guidance: Windows and doors in historic buildings.</p> <p>Receiving a report which outlined the views of the Panel in response to the public consultation for supplementary planning guidance of windows and doors of historic buildings, the Panel confirmed that its views, as stated at the last meeting, had been reflected correctly in the document and that it was to be sent to the Planning Department.</p> <p>RD. KLB. PLC.</p>	<p>MR</p>
<p>7.</p> <p>Item 3 27.02.08</p>	<p>Building Bye-Laws.</p> <p>The Panel noted a report relating to the conference</p> <p style="text-align: center;">‘Your building, your environment, your future.’</p> <p>The Panel recalled that it had been its intention to attend this conference but that the States business had run late that day. As a result, none of the Panel had been available to attend. The officer had attended and the report outlined the event.</p> <p>It was noted that the event had been a launch for the new Building Bye-Laws which were out to public consultation. The Panel noted that this was a significant document which contained important changes for the future of planning in the Island. The Panel considered that a briefing from the Department would be helpful to ensure the salient points were noted. This was to be arranged for the next meeting.</p> <p>RD. KLB. PLC.</p>	<p>MR</p>

<p>8.</p> <p>Item 1B 10.03.08</p>	<p>Economics and Countryside.</p> <p>In consideration of the proposal to review the apparent economic incursion into the countryside by business concerns, the Panel elected not to pursue the review suggested as work was being done by Deputy S. Power into the specific issue that brought the generic issues to the attention of the Panel. The Panel would wait until the report had been completed by the Deputy before deciding on the most appropriate course of action.</p> <p>RD. KLB. PLC.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Email from member of public.</p> <p>An email from a member of the public was considered. Raising issues relating to the emissions from the Bellozanne Waste Plant. Hansard was to be checked to establish exactly what was said in the States by Deputy B. Fox in relation to the issue. The Panel rejected the prepared response to the email and agreed that the Chairman would respond in writing.</p> <p>RD. KLB. SC (Present for part of this item.) PLC.</p>	<p>RD / MR</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Future Meetings</p> <p>The next scheduled meeting was noted to be on the 10th April 2008 at 09.30 in the Le Capelain Room.</p> <p>RD. KLB. PLC</p>	<p>MR</p>
<p>11.</p> <p>Item 10 10.03.08</p>	<p>Waste Plant Review</p> <p>a) The Panel considered the progress of the Waste Plant Review as contained within a report presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairman attended Juniper's offices to review the draft report. It was found to be acceptable. • Juniper had obtained most of the documentation it required and continued to draft its report. • The updated Solid Waste Strategy Arisings Model required by the advisors which was offered by T&TS was being drafted. • A visit was made to Ethos Recycling in Avonmouth 	

	<p>where a pyrolysis technology plant had been successfully running for seven years dealing with clinical and other waste. The plant was expanding with 16 tubes being built alongside the existing plant which comprised two tubes. The Plant when completed would take all streams of Bristol's residual waste.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BDO had met with Transport and Technical Services and were awaiting documentation. A meeting was to be held between BDO and the Chairman to confirm the work process. • Due to restraints on Junipers time and delays in documentation being available, the review time line had slipped and it would now be completed at the end of April. • A letter had been written to the owner of premises in the town area which should prove perfect if it could be procured for the exhibition. The exhibition dates had now been set for 25th and 26th April. • Ethos Recycling had expressed an interest in coming over for the exhibition as had Waste & Recycling Solutions Ltd. Greenfinch and Oaktech had sent items for a display but will not be attending. Other companies were being contacted. <p>The Panel was satisfied with the update.</p>	
<p>Item 10 10.03.08</p>	<p>b) The forthcoming exhibition was confirmed to be at the Town Hall on 25th and 26th April 2008 as efforts towards securing a shop in the town area had not been successful. Concern was voiced that the arrangements for the CPA Visit during the week of 21st to 26th April might have conflicted with the exhibition. It was established that this was not the case.</p> <p>The Panel considered that the presentations at the exhibition should be recorded and made available to the Panel for presentation to other Members who did not attend the exhibition. Enquiries were to be made into the practicalities and cost of this. Further, there was a meeting of the Comité des Connétables on 19th May and an invitation was to be sought for the Panel to make such a presentation to the Comité.</p>	<p>MR MR</p>
<p>Item 3 10.01.08</p>	<p>Invitations to individual Members and guests would be arranged between the Chairman and Officer for issue during the following days.</p> <p>c) The report relating to the recent SDUK 2008</p>	<p>RD / MR</p>

	<p>conference was accepted. It was agreed that no further contribution was required by the Members.</p> <p>d) The Panel noted the account from Juniper in the sum of £21,173.58 which included the travel expenses of £698.68 and approved payment.</p> <p>e) The Panel noted that Juniper had requested information about the bio-solid land bank employed by the Transport and Technical Services Department. The Department had produced a briefing note summarising the assumptions behind the land bank considerations of the Department. The Panel disagreed with counting of vergées of the islands land which left only half the available land for composting and felt that agricultural compost and dairy slurry could all be dealt with by Anaerobic Digestion. The Panel expressed reservations of the contents of the report, which were confidential.</p> <p>f) The Panel considered ministerial decision MD-PE-2008-0055 in which the Minister for Planning and Environment had agreed that two local operators were to both charge 5p for disposable plastic carrier bags from 6th May 2008, that the money raised was to be gifted to the charities of the operators choice and that an annual report was to be presented to the Minister by the operators with details relating to the money raised. The Panel welcomed this initiative regarding it to have been an argument in favour of the Panel's view on the actual waste arisings in the Island.</p> <p>This led the Panel to discuss weather the Comité des Connétables or the Health and Social Services Minister considered an initiative to recycle expensive medical equipment was practical. This was to be aimed at preventing equipment such as crutches and walking sticks from entering the waste stream. A letter was to be written relating to this.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that the whole review rested on the presentation of the costs of dealing with various streams of waste, including the publication of transport costs. It accepted that these figures were due to be presented at the conclusion of the review.</p> <p>The Panel noted a letter sent to and the reply from the Treasury Minister, Senator T. Le Sueur, concerning the progress of the Transport and Technical Services Minister with the proposed new waste plant. The Panel were content that the reply contained the following assurance from the Minister:</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p>
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<p>12</p> <p>Item 11</p> <p>10.03.08</p>	<p>Air Quality Review</p> <p>The Panel recalled it had instructed that the report was to be completed by the end of March. It understood that all that was required was some minor amendments and the addition of some photographs. The Panel accepted that there was a member of staff available from the Scrutiny Office if required to assist with this report but considered the work could be undertaken within two or three hours. It directed that the Chairman should work with the officer assigned to support the Panel to complete the report.</p> <p>RD. KLB. PLC.</p>	<p>RD / MR</p>

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Chairman
Environment Panel