

Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Meeting No. 11

28th April 2006

Blampied Room, States Building

Present Deputy G. P. Southern, Chairman
Deputy A. Breckon, Vice Chairman
Connétable M. K. Jackson
Deputy J. A. Martin
Deputy K. C. Lewis

Apologies

Absent

In attendance Nathan Fox, Scrutiny Officer

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1.	<p>Panel 's Financial Position</p> <p>The Panel received the budget expenditure for the period from 1st January to 31st March 2006, comprising expenditure of £1,210.00 out the total allocated budget of £80,000.00. The majority of the expenditure was related to advertising the call for evidence for the review on the fulfilment industry and its effects on the local economy in the Jersey Evening Post.</p> <p>The Panel noted its expenditure for the year to date.</p>	
2.	<p>Strategic Plan 2006-2011</p> <p>The Committee received work carried out on the Strategic Plan, based on input from Deputies Breckon, Martin and Lewis.</p> <p>The Panel noted the current conclusions, but commented that the main shortcoming of the plan was its lack of any indication as to the cost of the measures proposed.</p> <p>Although the Plan was presented as a high-level strategy document, and therefore not costed, it was suggested that it was to be funded from within existing cash limits, and that it was based on previous estimates of States revenue. It was described in the introduction as 'achievable and affordable'.</p> <p>The Panel was of the opinion that if the plan had not been fully costed, it was not clear how it could be claimed that it would fall within existing cash limits. If it had been costed, then those estimates should be brought forward for debate at the same time as the plan itself, in order to avoid the States voting for policies which would have an unknown impact on its budget.</p>	GS NJF

	<p>Authority was delegated to the Chairman to work with the Greffier of the States to develop an amendment to that effect. The Panel directed officers to return this document to it at its meeting of 28th April 2006 with the aforementioned conclusion included.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Visit to Condor Logistics Site</p> <p>The Panel, with reference to its previous site visit to Jersey Post operations, had in its supporting documentation been apprised of accusations made in the United Kingdom media of packages being shipped to Jersey pre-addressed to United Kingdom residences in order to more efficiently facilitate the avoidance of Low Value Consignment Relief.</p> <p>The Panel had also noted that the Condor Logistics element of Jersey Post's fulfilment business was approximately twice as efficient on a unit-per-hour basis as the 'Jackson's Garage' site.</p> <p>This had led Panel members to consider the possibility that the disparity was due to consignments arriving pre-addressed as aforementioned.</p> <p>The Panel considered that another site visit would be necessary to properly examine the activity taking place at the Condor Logistics site site.</p>	<p>NJF</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Matters for noting re the review of postal incorporation</p> <p>The Panel noted the follow items-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A timetable for the 5th May Hearing The letters sent to witnesses for information An e-mail from Comptroller and Auditor General Acts of the Economic Development Committee- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Act No. B7 of 3rd September 2003; Act No. B9 of 1st October 2003; Act No. B1 of 28th May 2004; Act No. B6 of 1st December 2004; and Act No. B8 of 30th June 2005. Acts of the Committee for Postal Administration- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Act No. B4 of 9th June 2003 (and Committee Paper CPA/3/03); Act No. B5 of 7th July 2003; Act No. B6 of 7th July 2003 (and Committee Paper 	

	<p>CPA/5/03);</p> <p>Act No. B2 of 28th July 2003;</p> <p>Act No. B1 of 11th September 2003.</p> <p>An index of all Acts received to date with the exception of Regulation of Undertakings applications</p> <p>Information requested following the Panel meeting of 6th April</p> <p>-</p> <p>an e-mail from Kevin Lemasney with responses;</p> <p>an e-mail from Helier de Veulle Jersey Post; and</p> <p>confidential reports and information from Jersey Post responding to questions with index.</p> <p>Notes from meeting with a Representative of the Communication Worker's Union</p>	
5.	<p>Matters for noting re the review of the fulfilment industry</p> <p>The Panel noted the follow items-</p> <p>A list of fulfilment Company names received to date;</p> <p>A letter from the Minister dated 6th April 2006 responding to questions</p> <p>Notes from visit to DMS Fulfilment with Deputy J. Martin</p> <p>A letter dated 31st March 2006 from Guernsey Post</p> <p>A letter dated 20th March 2006 from Storage Solutions CI</p> <p>A letter dated 31st March 2006 from Play.com together with press articles</p>	
6.	<p>Questions for Witnesses</p> <p>The Panel was mindful that it was to hold a public hearing on 5th May 2006. It therefore agreed to meet on 3rd May 2006 as previously discussed to finalise questions developed in draft at this meeting.</p>	

Signed

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Chairman Deputy G. P. Southern
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