

Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 29th January 2014

Meeting No: 78

Present	Deputy S.G. Luce, Chairman Connétable S.W. Pallett, Vice-Chairman Connétable M.J. Paddock Connétable J.E. Le Maistre
Apologies	
In attendance	Chairman, Jersey Innovation Fund (Item 4) Mr. T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer Mrs E. Turner, Scrutiny Officer

Ref Back	Agenda matter	Action
	<p>1. Record of Meeting</p> <p>The record of the Panel's meeting held on 15th January 2014 was approved by the Panel.</p>	
515/1(1)	<p>2. Appointment of Vice-Chairman</p> <p>The Panel noted the resignation of Connétable S.W. Pallett as Vice-Chairman, following his appointment as Chairman of the Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel. The Connétable would remain a member of the Panel.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to appoint Connétable M.J. Paddock as Vice-Chairman.</p>	
15/01/14 Item 2 515/28	<p>3. Digital Skills</p> <p>The Sub-panel Chairman updated the Panel about recent Review work, notably regarding the progress being made with receipt of written submissions. The Sub-panel had met recently to evaluate evidence received to date and to establish next steps. Due to a disappointing number of written submissions, notably from schools, it had agreed to re-contact those stakeholders who had not responded to the initial request for information and offer an extended deadline. The Chairman would also be raising concerns about the low number of school submissions with the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture.</p>	
15/01/14 Item 3 515/26	<p>4. Jersey Innovation Fund</p> <p>The Panel welcomed the Chairman of the Jersey Innovation Fund (JIF), who provided an update briefing on its progress to date. The Chairman outlined, amongst other areas, the process of appointment of the non-executive directors, the scope of applications received to date, the process by which applications were considered by the Board, post-funding monitoring procedures, delays in the development of Phase 2 (equity stakes) and remuneration of non-executive</p>	

	directors.	
15/01/14 Item 5 515/29	5. Retail Sector Review The Panel noted the progress being made in relation to its Review timetable, and agreed to follow up outstanding responses to written submission requests with an extended deadline where necessary. The Chairman would liaise further with the Officer regarding possible Public Hearings, after which a proposed timetable would be circulated for Panel consideration.	TO
15/01/14 Item 6 515/1(29)	6. Draft Aquatic Resources (Jersey) Law 201- The Panel noted a re-drafted amendment relating to the 'appropriate scale' principle for Environmental Impact Assessments and the Minister's proposed statement regarding rights associated with the collection of loose vraic. The Panel also noted that it was awaiting a written update from the Economic Development Department outlining the timetable for any planned Regulations, which in turn would help inform the drafting of a Comments paper.	TO
15/01/14 Item 7 515/24	7. Financial Services Ombudsman The Panel noted the proposed timetable for its Review and associated actions, and considered a number of candidates identified for the role of its expert adviser. It agreed that it would seek to secure the services of Queen Margaret University Consumer Insight Centre, initially for the first phase of its Review with a view to contracting the same adviser for the Review's second phase, once the Regulations were available.	TO/ET
515/1(29)	8. Tourism Webcams The Panel noted information received from the Economic Development Department in response to its update request following a topic proposal from a member of the public. The Panel requested that the member of the public be thanked and advised of the response.	TO/ET
15/01/14 Item 10 515/1(29)	9. Quarterly Public Hearing The Panel noted arrangements for the Quarterly Public Hearing on 13th February, 2014, with the Minister for Economic Development. The Panel confirmed the following topic areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ports of Jersey Incorporation • Jersey Innovation Fund • Event Funding • Aircraft Registry • Sea Routes • Tourism Shadow Board In preparation for the Hearing it was agreed that background information would be requested from the Economic Development Department including its spending on events, Ports of Jersey cruise ship viability analysis and a draft copy of the preliminary Tourism Shadow Board report.	TO
	10. Annual Report The Panel approved its entry in the 2013 annual report for the States	

	Assembly, subject to an agreed addition regarding Aquatic Resources.	TO
	11. Future meetings The Panel noted that its next meeting was scheduled for 9.30am in the Blampied Room, States Building, on 12th February 2014.	