

Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 27th November 2013

Meeting No: 74

Present	Deputy S.G. Luce, Chairman Connétable S.W. Pallett, Vice-Chairman Connétable M.J. Paddock Connétable J.E. Le Maistre
Apologies	
In attendance	Mr. T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p>1. Record of Meeting</p> <p>The record of the Panel's meeting held on 13th November 2013 was approved by the Panel.</p>	
<p>13/11/13 Item 2 515/28</p>	<p>2. Digital Skills</p> <p>The Sub-Panel Chairman updated the Panel about recent work, notably that Public Hearings had been held the previous day with the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture, the Minister for Economic Development and representatives from Digital Jersey.</p>	
<p>13/11/13 Item 3 515/26</p>	<p>3. Jersey Innovation Fund</p> <p>The Panel noted that <i>P.121/2013 Jersey Innovation Fund: Board Remuneration</i> had been withdrawn by the Minister for Economic Development.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would write to the Minister to welcome the withdrawal given the concerns that it had identified, and outline those areas that it would expect to be addressed before the lodging of any related Proposition. It would also request information on the remuneration arrangements for all Boards with which the Minister and his Department had association.</p>	TO
<p>13/11/13 Item 4 515/30</p>	<p>4. Enterprise Strategy</p> <p>The Panel considered information received from the Economic Development Department following a request made in follow up to the transcript of the Public Hearing held on 17th October 2013.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would write to the Minister for Economic Development to outline areas of significant concern that it had identified at this stage with the draft Strategy, and which it considered should be given further attention by him, either before or after the publication of the Strategy. The timing of publication was unclear from the information received by the Panel, although it was anticipated that it was the Minister's intention to proceed shortly.</p>	TO

	<p>It was further agreed that the relayed concerns would form the basis of a full Scrutiny Review should the Panel's Work Programme provide an opportunity for this to be carried out. However, due to the convergence of forthcoming key policy and legislation from the Economic Development Department, the Panel would not be undertaking a full scale Review at this stage, or in the foreseeable future.</p>	
<p>13/11/13 Item 6 515/31</p>	<p>5. Ports of Jersey Incorporation</p> <p>The Panel noted that it was awaiting response to a letter sent to the Minister for Economic Development requesting receipt of certain documents scheduled to be available according to the project timetable, and to express initial concern about the possible impact of the proposed extended timetable for the conveyancing of non-operational assets.</p>	<p>TO</p>
<p>13/11/13 Item 7 515/29</p>	<p>6. Retail Sector Review</p> <p>The Panel noted progress being made in relation to its Review timetable, and the steps to be undertaken during the following week regarding the distribution of targeted written submission requests.</p>	<p>TO</p>
<p>25/06/13 Item 5 515/1(24)</p>	<p>7. Financial Services Work Stream</p> <p>The Panel considered a work-stream paper received from the Financial Industry Development unit, dating from October. It agreed to request a further update and associated briefing in the New Year.</p>	<p>TO</p>
<p>27/02/12 Item 12 515/25</p>	<p>8. Intellectual Property</p> <p>The Panel noted a paper received from the Economic Development Department responding to the Panel's request for an update on its Intellectual Property work.</p>	
<p>02/10/13 Item 9 515/27</p>	<p>9. Tourism Shadow Board</p> <p>The Panel considered correspondence received from the Chairman of the Tourism Shadow Board. It agreed to seek an update briefing on the Shadow Board's work once it had presented its draft preliminary report and recommendations to the Minister for Economic Development in the New Year, as outlined in the correspondence. It would also request the Shadow Board's Chairman to consider forwarding a draft copy of the preliminary report and recommendations to the Panel once they had been presented to the Minister, to assist preparation for the proposed meeting.</p>	<p>TO</p>
	<p>10. Future meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted that its next meeting was scheduled for 9.30am in Le Capelain Room, States Building on 18th December 2013, and approved its meeting schedule for 2014.</p>	