

Chairmen's Committee

Record of Meeting

Date: 21st June 2016

Present	Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré, President and Chairman, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel Deputy R. Renouf, Chairman, Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel Deputy S.M. Brée, Chairman, Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel Deputy D. Johnson, Chairman, Environment, Housing and Technical Services Scrutiny Panel Deputy S.M. Wickenden, Vice-Chairman, Public Accounts Committee
Apologies	Deputy A.D. Lewis, Chairman, Public Accounts Committee
Absent	
In attendance	Mr T. Oldham, Scrutiny Manager

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	<p>1. Records of meetings</p> <p>The Committee approved the records of its meetings held on 13th, 20th and 25th May 2016, which were signed accordingly by the President.</p>	
13.05.16 Item 2	<p>2. Activity Reports</p> <p>The Committee noted Panel and Public Accounts Committee (PAC) activity reports. The report from the PAC identified work that potentially crossed-over into the remit of the Corporate Services Panel regarding the States of Jersey Development Company, and the remit of the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel in the case of Jersey Property Holdings. It was agreed that communication should be maintained on those matters to avoid duplication of work and clarity of remits.</p>	
19.04.16 Item 3	<p>3. Privileges and Procedures Committee: update</p> <p>The Committee considered a briefing paper on the deliberations of the Privileges and Procedures Committee.</p>	
19.04.16 Item 4 513/50	<p>4. Medium Term Financial Plan Addition</p> <p>An update was provided by Chairmen regarding planned work on the forthcoming MTFP Addition. It was noted that no Panel had received advanced detailed information from the Executive relating to its respective remit, and that such information was not now expected to be received until 24th June at the earliest.</p> <p>It was noted that all Panels had commenced planning for work on the MTFP Addition, with the majority having already approved the necessary scoping document and terms of reference, and concluded the engagement of CIPFA as technical adviser. It was the intention of the remaining Panels to complete such matters shortly.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that it would seek to meet on a regular basis,</p>	SB/LD

	fortnightly if required, during the course of MTFP Addition review work, in order to share progress and identify any overarching areas for consideration.	TO
13.05.16 Item 3	<p>5. Panel Names and Remits</p> <p>The Committee recalled that approved drafting instructions had been forwarded to the Law Draftsman, and noted that associated drafting was ongoing.</p> <p>It was further recalled that a related agreement regarding use of the term 'Chairman' had been submitted to the PPC's Standing Orders Sub-Committee. The Committee had agreed that Chairmen should be able to select their preferred title from amongst a small list of approved titles, which appropriately accounted for how people chose to personally identify. The Committee suggested a shortlist of 3 titles: Chairman, Chairwoman and Chairperson.</p>	
13.05.16 Item 4	<p>6. Protocol for Engagement between Scrutiny Panels/PAC and the Executive</p> <p>The Committee agreed that it would aim to forward the draft Protocol to the Executive prior to the summer recess, and therefore any further feedback from Panels should be received in advance of the Committee's meeting scheduled for 6th July.</p>	All
13.05.16 Item 5 511/2/1	<p>7. Residential Property Transactions Review Panel</p> <p>Deputy D. Johnson, Chairman of the Review Panel, updated the Committee about the progress of the Review. It was noted that the Panel had recently taken steps to encourage further submissions from the public and stakeholders, as there had been limited response to date despite wide-ranging publicity.</p> <p>The Committee recalled that it had been agreed that the allocation of the Officer resource for the Review would be subject to the requirements of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel for its MTFP Addition Review. As a result, the Review Panel would shortly be presenting an interim report, and would meet to determine whether further work would be undertaken upon completion of the MTFP Addition Review.</p>	TO
	<p>8. P.53/2016 States' Approval of Assistant Ministers' Appointments</p> <p>Consideration was given to any potential consequences of P.53/2016 States' Approval of Assistant Ministers' Appointments on the appointments of Scrutiny Chairmen and Panels. Although the Committee was favourable to parts a(i) and a(iii) of the Proposition, it identified a number of areas of concern regarding part a(ii) and the possible restrictions this may place on Scrutiny appointments. It was agreed that the President would seek to speak to the proposer, Deputy J.A. Martin, to relay the concerns identified by the Committee.</p>	JLF
	9. Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel: Matters Arising from Nursery Education Fund Review	

	<p>The Chairman of the Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel informed the Committee about two matters of particular concern arising from her Panel's Nursery Education Fund Review; the approach of the Minister for Education towards the Panel and the Scrutiny process, and the Jersey Child Care Trust (JCCT) declining the Panel's request to attend a public hearing.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that both matters were regrettable. The President would relay the Committee's disquiet about the conduct of the Minister to the Chief Minister at their forthcoming meeting. On the matter of the JCCT, whilst noting the Trust's concerns about attending and noting possible steps that could be taken in mitigation, it was agreed that publically funded bodies in particular should be expected to attend hearings when requested. The Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel would relay such concerns in writing to the JCCT and, mindful of the likelihood that the JCCT could be requested to provide evidence during the forthcoming MTFP Addition review, would extend an invitation to meet to explain the matter further if required.</p>	LD
	<p>10. Scrutiny Website</p> <p>The ongoing project to deliver an upgraded States Assembly/Scrutiny website, led by Information Services with the support of the States Greffe, was discussed. It was noted that feedback from all user groups of the current sites had been received, including two workshops held with States Members. The process of gathering feedback remained ongoing.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Committee would welcome receiving a project update from the Internet and Intranet Manager, Information Services, at its next scheduled meeting.</p>	TO
27.04.16 Item 3	<p>11. Statement of Intent/Core Objectives</p> <p>The Committee recalled the 'Statement of Intent' as agreed by the previous Chairmen's Committee, and the presentation it received the previous week from Dr. Hannah White from the National Institute for Government in the UK to the Committee regarding the purpose and impact of parliamentary scrutiny.</p> <p>The Committee further recalled that the President and Vice President had proposed that it would be beneficial for the Committee, and consequently Scrutiny more broadly, for it to establish a framework of core values/aims/objectives. This could be used to help give clear direction to the actions and work of the Committee, setting out its overall aims, and providing a reference point to help inform and guide its decision-making for the remainder of its term of office.</p> <p>Whilst some concern was raised that such a framework already existed through Standing Orders and the Scrutiny/PAC Code of Practice, it was agreed that the President and Vice-President would develop a draft Statement of Intent/Core Objectives for the Committee's consideration.</p>	JLF/LD

	<p>12. Financial Report</p> <p>The Committee noted Panel expenditure to date for 2016, and requested that its suggestions regarding the format of the report be relayed to the States Greffe's Finance and Administration Manager.</p>	
	<p>13. Future Meetings</p> <p>It was agreed that the Committee would next meet on 6th July at 2pm, Le Capelain Room, States Building.</p> <p>The Committee also agreed to meet on 14th July at 12pm to consider progress of Panel work on the MTFP Addition.</p> <p>The Committee requested the Scrutiny Manager to liaise with the Greffier, in order to establish a convenient time for discussion of the proposed Commissioner for Standards.</p>	<p>TO</p>