

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 21st August 2017

Present	Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré, Chairman Deputy S.M. Brée, Vice-Chairman Senator S.C. Ferguson Connétable C.H. Taylor Deputy K.C. Lewis
Apologies	
In attendance	Mr S. Spottiswoode, Scrutiny Officer Mr T. Nicolle, Scrutiny Officer

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<p>Item 2 07/08/17</p> <p>513/54</p>	<p>1. Budget 2018 - Phase 1 Review</p> <p>The Panel received an update from the Officer regarding the status of the review. It was noted that the review would consist of three workstreams:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Impôts Duties and the link with health considerations II. Oxera review of the Income Forecasting Model III. Personal taxation levels, Population and Supplementation <p>In relation to the second workstream, the Panel noted receipt of a fee quote from MJO Consulting to act as an advisor to the Panel. The Panel duly approved the appointment of MJO Consulting as advisor.</p> <p>In relation to the third workstream, it was noted that two local accountancy firms had been approached to undertake specific tax calculations on behalf of the Panel.</p> <p>It was also noted that this workstream would focus on two particular publications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. a report by Oxera included in R.38/2017 Review of Personal Tax; II. data released in answer to written questions to the Chief Minister asked in the States Assembly by the Chairman. 	SS
	<p>2. Population Policy</p> <p>It was noted that a draft population policy was due to be lodged by the Chief Minister before the end of July but was now expected to be lodged in the Autumn. It was agreed that this was a policy area of great public interest and would warrant a detailed review by the Panel.</p>	SS

	It was agreed to write to the Chief Minister to note the Panel's interest in this area and to request early sight of the draft policy prior to it being lodged.	
Item 3 07/08/17 513/55	<p>3. External Relations Policy Review</p> <p>The Officer advised the Panel that it was likely that it would not be possible to secure a suitable advisor until early October. The Panel agreed that this delay could be accommodated satisfactorily within the timeframe of the review.</p> <p>It was noted that it would be beneficial to the review if the Panel's quarterly public hearing with the Minister for External Relations on 2nd October was re-scheduled to 3rd November. The Officer was asked to make the necessary arrangements.</p>	TN
	<p>4. Quarterly Hearings (Public Engagement)</p> <p>The Panel received and approved an engagement plan for inviting members of the public to submit questions for the public hearing with the Chief Minister on 15th September.</p> <p>It was noted that the question areas for the hearing would be agreed by email prior to the Panel's next scheduled meeting on 11th September.</p>	SS TN
	<p>5. Ministerial Decisions</p> <p>The Panel reviewed a list of recent Ministerial Decisions and asked that further information be requested from the Department for Treasury and Resources in relation to MD-TR-2017-0105 "Housing Development Fund: Andium Homes Limited: Approval of loan for Ann Street Brewery site acquisition".</p>	TN
	<p>6. Draft Asian Infrastructure Bank Regulations (P.68/2017)</p> <p>The Panel noted that a briefing on P.68/2017 would be arranged prior to the debate on 26th September.</p>	SS