

# Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

9th November 2016

Present	Deputy S.M. Brée, Chairman Deputy D. Johnson, Vice-Chairman Connétable J.E. Le Maistre Connétable M.J. Paddock
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr M. Orbell, Scrutiny Officer

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	<b>1. Records of meetings</b>  The Minutes of the meeting held on 19th October were approved and signed.	<b>MO</b>
<b>Item 6 05.04.16</b>	<b>2. Financial Services, Digital, Competition and Innovation</b>  The Panel welcomed the Director of Digital and Telecoms Policy, the Deputy Director, Finance Industry Development, and the Lead Policy Adviser, Private Wealth and Financial Crime from the Chief Minister's Department for a private briefing on priority work streams and projects for the next six months.	<b>MO</b>
<b>Item 3 19.10.16  515/35</b>	<b>3. Licensing Law</b>  The Panel was informed that initial contact with the Office of the Bailiff had suggested that a meeting in the near future would be very difficult to arrange in view of his workload. Members agreed that in the circumstances it would be best to write requesting the Bailiff's views in respect of the draft Licensing Law, raising in the letter the possibility of meeting with the Bailiff and one or more Jurats with licensing experience at some point during the course of the Panel's review.  The Scrutiny Officer was asked to prepare letters for use in contacting other interested parties. These should ask initially for a written response, with a view to the Panel selecting potential witnesses for public hearings based on their written comments on the draft law.  Members considered revised scoping and terms of reference for the review and agreed minor amendments.	<b>MO</b>  <b>MO</b>  <b>MO</b>
<b>Item 4 19.10.16</b>	<b>4. Rural Economy Strategy</b>  The Panel discussed the Minister's response to the Chairman's two recent letters, received on 24th October. Members were surprised by the Minister's suggestion that the Panel could proceed with a review immediately, when no meaningful financial detail was contained in the draft strategy, or had yet been shared with the Panel. There were serious doubts about whether the Panel was in possession of enough information to start a	

	<p>review; it was therefore agreed to follow up the Minister's offer of a meeting as soon as possible, to obtain both the relevant financial information and an explanation of the nature of negotiations understood to be ongoing between the Minister and farmers' representatives. The Scrutiny Officer was asked to arrange a meeting during the week commencing 14th November, if possible including the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture and the Minister for Environment.</p>	<b>MO</b>
<b>Item 2 06.07.16</b>	<p><b>5. Quarterly Public Hearing</b></p> <p>The Scrutiny Officer was asked to confirm an offer of a public hearing with the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture to take place on 7th December 2016.</p>	<b>MO</b>
	<p><b>6. Forthcoming meetings</b></p> <p>Next scheduled Panel meeting: 9.30am on 23rd November 2016, Blampied Room, States Building. To include a public hearing with the Assistant Chief Minister in respect of his responsibilities for Financial Services, Digital, Competition and Innovation.</p>	<b>MO</b>