

Environment Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 21st November 2013

Meeting No: 57

Present	Deputy J. Young, Chairman Deputy S. Luce (Vice chairman) Connétable P. Rondel
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr. M. Orbell, Scrutiny Officer

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	1. Record of meeting The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2013 were approved and signed.	MO
465/1(182)	2. Machinery of Government Sub-Committee Recommendations In response to a request from the Chairmen's Committee for consultation with individual Panel members the Panel discussed the recommendations of the Machinery of Government Sub-Committee. Members' views on each recommendation were noted and the Scrutiny Officer was asked to arrange for these to be reported back to the Steering Group.	MO
Item 3 11.11.13 514/20	3. Radon The Panel received an oral update on progress with the review. The advisers were about to commence a preliminary study of evidence previously made available by the Health Protection department, and would revert with any suggestions regarding further information to be requested from departments as part of a submission to the review. Confirmation from the advisers of an extension to the contract date for the review was awaited. It was confirmed that information about the review would be uploaded to the Scrutiny website.	MO
Item 3 29.10.13 514/1(25)	4. Taxi regulation Members expressed concerns about continued delays to the publication of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services' White Paper, which had been promised on a number of occasions at quarterly public hearings but was still awaited. It was agreed that following comments at the latest public hearing on 11th November 2013, if this matter was not resolved promptly the Panel would prepare a proposition for debate seeking to oblige the Minister to lodge the White Paper. The Scrutiny Officer was asked to inform the department of the Panel's intention.	MO
514/1(25)	5. Traffic and transport Following discussion of traffic congestion and associated issues with the Minister for Transport and Technical Services at the quarterly public hearing on 11th November 2013, members considered whether this would be an appropriate subject for review. It appeared	

	<p>that the department was unwilling or unable to consider radical alternatives to bring about reduced congestion and improve traffic flow, and the Panel believed that progress with the new bus service and the Sustainable Transport Policy was potentially being hampered as a result. Members noted that this was likely to be a topic of considerable public interest and were in favour of carrying out a review in 2014. The Scrutiny Officer was asked to discuss the possibilities with department officers and report back to the Panel.</p>	<p>MO</p>
	<p>6. Forthcoming meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly public hearing with the Minister for Planning and Environment: 2.30pm on 9th December 2013, Le Capelain Room, States Building • Next scheduled Panel meeting: 2.00pm on 17th December 2013, Blampied Room, States Building 	<p>MO</p>