

Public Accounts Committee

Record of Meeting

Date: 25th October 2010

Meeting No: 45

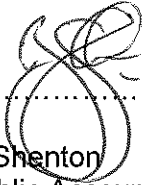
Present	Senator B.E. Shenton (Chairman) Connétable J.M. Refault (Vice-Chairman) Senator A. Breckon Senator J. Perchard Mr. M. Magee Mr K. Keen
Apologies	Mr A. Fearn
Absent	
In attendance	Mr. C. Swinson O.B.E. – Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) Ms. M. Pardoe, Public Accounts Committee Officer

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	1. Records of meetings The records of the meetings of the 27 th and 30 th September 2010 were agreed as a true account of events and accordingly signed.	
Item A2 27.09.10 512/7(8)	2. Jersey Heritage Trust The Committee noted the response of the Education Sport and Culture Department to its letter dated 5 th October 2010, which had requested details as to how the issue regarding the amphibious vehicles (which provided transport to Elizabeth Castle) had been addressed. The Committee considered that the response was inadequate, as it only indicated that a similar scenario would be avoided in future but did not state how the current situation had been dealt with. The Committee noted the Chairman's written question to the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture tabled on the 12 th October 2010. The question concerned funding for the Jersey Archive, and related to one of the recommendations in the Committee's report. The answer had indicated that discussions with the relevant agencies were underway. It was considered that this inconclusive response was likely due to the impending debate on the Freedom of Information Law, which was a closely related issue. The Committee resolved to monitor progress on this area after the Freedom of Information Debate.	
Item A3 27.09.10 512/8 (8)	3. Financial Report and Accounts 2009 The Committee considered its draft report and minor changes made. It was agreed that the final version would be agreed via electronic mail.	
Item A4 28.06.10 512/1(34)	4. Inter-Island Co-operation The Committee recalled that six Members of the Guernsey Public Accounts Committee would be attending its next meeting on 22 nd November 2010. It was agreed that any available Members would accompany the guests on a tour of the States Building prior to the meeting. The Officer was authorized to take the necessary action.	MP
Item A5 27.09.10	5. Public Employees Contributory Retirement Scheme (PECRS)	

<p>512/10(8)</p>	<p>The Committee recalled that the terms of reference for this report had been agreed by electronic mail. The scoping document was also agreed.</p> <p>The Committee considered whether it would be a valuable exercise to invite an actuary to examine the Public Sector Pension Fund. The Committee was advised that this was a possibility but that it would be necessary to ask specific targeted questions only, as the issue was so complex. The Committee agreed to consider this again once more work had been completed on the report.</p> <p>Connétable Refault advised that as a recipient of States Pension, he was conflicted on the subject, and therefore would not be participating in the review.</p>	
	<p>6. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Committee noted that its next scheduled meeting was at 12.30pm on the 22nd November 2010 in the Blampied Room, States Building. It was again noted that this would be a joint meeting with Members of the Guernsey Public Accounts Committee.</p>	

Signed

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Senator B.E. Shenton
Chairman, Public Accounts Committee