

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 24th June 2009

Meeting 31

Present	Senator S.C. Ferguson, Chairman Deputy C.H. Egré, Vice-Chairman Connétable D.J. Murphy [Absent for Items 1 – 6] Deputy T.A. Vallois
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Senator P.F.C Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources [Item 1] Mr. I. Black, Treasurer of the States [Item 1] Mr. J. Turner, Deputy Treasurer of the States [Item 1] Ms. A. Taylor, Head of Financial Reporting [Item 1] Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer Mr. M. Robbins, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p>1. Meeting with Minister for Treasury and Resources</p> <p>The Panel met Senator P.F.C Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources, in conjunction with Mr. I. Black, Treasurer of the States, Mr. J. Turner, Deputy Treasurer of the States, and Ms. A. Taylor, Head of Financial Reporting. During the course of the meeting, consideration was given to <i>States of Jersey Financial Report and Accounts 2008</i> (R.63/2009); the 2010 Annual Business Plan; and the draft Depositors' Compensation Scheme. Parts of this meeting were held in private session under Article 3.2.1(b) of <i>Code of Practice on Public Access to Official Information</i> and a separate record was taken.</p>	
	<p>2. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The Panel approved the record of its meeting on 11th June 2009. It was noted that the records of 11th February, 18th May and 27th May 2009, whilst previously approved, had not yet been signed. All four records were subsequently signed.</p>	
	<p>3, Matters Arising</p> <p>The Panel noted the update on actions it had requested at previous meetings.</p>	
11/06/09, Item 4 513/15(8)	<p>4. Deemed Rent</p> <p>The Panel recalled its decision to confirm when the Ministerial Response to <i>Deemed Rent (P.61/2008)</i> (SR2/2009) would be received. It was noted that a request had been made to the Department of Treasury and Resources about the matter but that a response had yet to be received.</p>	
11/06/09, Item 7 513/19(8)	<p>5. Economic Stimulus Plan</p> <p>The Panel recalled its decision to hold a Public Hearing with the Minister for Treasury and Resources to follow up its work on the Economic Stimulus Plan.</p>	MR

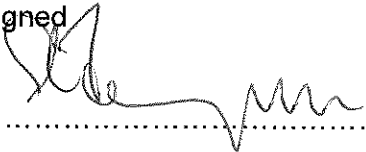
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<p>11/06/09, Item 10</p> <p>513/21(8)</p>	<p>6. Jersey Development Company</p> <p>The Panel was advised by the Chairman that she had corresponded with a number of Connétables about taking part in the review of <i>Property and Infrastructure Regeneration: The States of Jersey Development Company Limited (P.79/2009)</i>; however, none would be able to do so. It was agreed the Chairman would raise the matter at the next meeting of the Chairmen's Committee. The Officers were requested to contact all Scrutiny Members to ascertain whether any Members would be interested in taking part in the review.</p> <p>Consideration was given to a draft Scoping Document; Project Plan and Terms of Reference. The Panel considered in particular the potential engagement of an expert advisor. It was noted that the previous Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel had engaged Mr. R. Wragg and Mr. R. Law as advisors for some of its reviews. The Officers were requested to circulate information on both advisors to the Panel though it was noted that neither might be able or willing to assist with the review of P.79/2009 and that a wider search would become necessary. The Panel revised the initial budget contained in the draft Scoping Document to £24,740, with a preliminary budget for the expert advisor of £22,000. The Panel subsequently approved the Scoping Document, as amended, as well as the Project Plan and Terms of Reference.</p> <p>The Panel noted that a request to Senator T.A. Le Sueur, Chief Minister, that the debate on P.79/2009 be deferred to 20th October 2009 had yet received a response. It was also noted that further correspondence would be despatched to the Chief Minister to advise him of the Terms of Reference for the review.</p>	<p>SF</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>
<p>11/06/09, Item 12</p>	<p>7. Annual Business Plan</p> <p>The Panel gave consideration to the timescale involved in reviewing the 2010 Annual Business Plan and discussed whether a delay to the debate on the Plan should be sought. The Panel recalled its discussion with the Minister for Treasury and Resources on the matter and noted the provisions of Articles 11(1) and 17(1) of <i>Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2005</i>:</p> <p>11(1) <i>The Chief Minister, taking into account the restriction contained in paragraph (2), must lodge a draft annual business plan for a financial year in sufficient time for it to be debated and approved by the States at least 3 months before the start of that financial year or such other period as the States may decide.</i></p> <p>17(1) <i>The Minister [for Treasury and Resources], taking into account the restriction contained in paragraph (2), must lodge a budget proposition for a financial year in sufficient time for it to be debated and approved by the States no later than during the month preceding the start of that financial year or such other period as the States may decide.</i></p> <p>The Panel recalled its previous discussions on the 2010 Annual Business Plan and, in particular, that the need to report by 7th September 2009 would only allow time for an examination of the Business Plan from the perspectives of the Chief Minister's Department and the Department of Treasury and Resources; that timescale would not allow for a full review of corporate matters. It was agreed that a review of the Business Plan should be scoped. It was further agreed that consideration would be</p>	<p>MR</p>

	<p>given to the potential engagement of an expert advisor once scoping had occurred.</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of the draft Key Objectives for the 2010 Annual Business Plan that had been forwarded following a request made by the Chairman. The draft Key Objectives had been considered by the Council of Ministers on 12th June 2009 and were confidential under Article 3.2.1(a)(xiv) of <i>Code of Practice for Public Access to Official Information</i>. It was agreed that Panel Members would read the draft Key Objectives and e-mail any comments that might arise to the Officers.</p> <p>It was noted that Mr. C. Swinson OBE, Comptroller and Auditor General would provide briefings on scrutiny of the Annual Business Plan on 30th June 2009 to both Scrutiny Members and Scrutiny Officers.</p>	Panel
11/06/09, Item 13	<p>8. Depositors' Compensation Scheme</p> <p>The Panel was advised that the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel had not finalised Terms of Reference for its review of the propositions relating to the draft Depositors' Compensation Scheme. Consideration was given to whether the Economic Affairs Panel had received information from the Executive in a timely fashion and the Officers were requested to ascertain the position in that regard. It was further agreed that the Chairman would speak to Deputy M.R. Higgins, Chairman of the Economic Affairs Panel, at the next Chairmen's Committee meeting about the matter. The Panel recalled its discussion on the subject with the Minister for Treasury and Resources and, in particular, the Minister's offer to provide documentation and a briefing on the subject. It was agreed to take up the Minister's offer. It was further agreed that Members would read the relevant propositions.</p>	<p>WM / MR SF</p> <p>MR / WM Panel</p>
11/06/09, Item 15	<p>9. Drug Trafficking Confiscation Fund</p> <p>The Panel recalled the advice it had received from the Minister for Treasury and Resources that accounts for the Drug Trafficking Confiscation Fund (DTCF) would be published separately to the States' accounts.</p>	
11/06/09, Item 7 513/20(8)	<p>10. Finance Sub-Panel</p> <p>The Panel was advised that there had been a delay in receiving the report from the expert advisor, Professor M. Oliver, and that consequently it would no longer be feasible to present the Panel's own Scrutiny Report by 9th July 2009. It was noted that presentation would therefore occur during the summer recess of the States.</p>	
11/06/09, Item 8 513/18(8)	<p>11. Migration and Population</p> <p>The Panel noted that the Migration and Population Sub-Panel would meet the Migration Advisory Group that afternoon.</p>	
11/06/09, Item 16 513/1(25)	<p>12. Work Programme</p> <p>The Panel approved its Work Programme for 2009, as amended to reflect the decisions made at its previous meeting.</p>	
11/06/09, Item 14	<p>13. Ship2Me and Think Twice, Buy Local</p> <p>The Panel considered a proposal it had received in relation to the 'Ship2Me' and 'Think Twice, Buy Local' schemes. It was noted that the subject of any Scrutiny would be on how the decision of Jersey Post to implement 'Ship2Me' fitted in with the current economic climate and the strategy supported by Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Economic Development, to 'Think Twice, Buy Local'. The Panel ultimately agreed</p>	WM /

	that it would not review this matter but that it would advise the Minister for Economic Development of the concerns expressed. It was further agreed to advise the person who had made the proposal of the action that would be taken.	MR MR /WM
	14. Forthcoming Propositions The Panel noted that <i>Draft Court of Appeal (Amendment No. 8) (Jersey) Law 2008 (Appointed Day) Act 200-</i> (P.99/2009), as lodged by the Chief Minister, was due to be debated on 13th July 2009.	
	15. Ministerial Decisions The Panel noted Ministerial Decisions taken by the Chief Minister and Minister for Treasury and Resources that had been recorded on www.gov.je between 3rd and 18th June 2009. The Panel noted the provisions of <i>Skills Executive – Consolidation of Funding</i> (MD-TR-2009-0086) and requested the Officers to clarify the reason for the transfer of funds described in the Decision.	WM / MR
	16. Future Meetings The Panel noted it would next meet at 9:30am on 8th July 2009. It was further noted that Quarterly Hearings would be held at that meeting with the Chief Minister and Minister for Treasury and Resources. The Panel also noted that provision would need to be made for information to be received from both Ministers in private session.	

Signed



Date:

08/07/2009

Chairman, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel