Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 2nd October 2013 Meeting No: 69

Present	Deputy S.G. Luce, Chairman
	Connétable S.W. Pallett, Vice-Chairman
Apologies	Connétable M.J. Paddock
In attendance	Mr. T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer

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	1. Records of Meetings	
	The records of the Panel's meetings held on 9th, 16th, 18th, 20th and 23rd September 2013 were approved by the Panel and signed accordingly by the Chairman.	
20/09/13 Item 1	2. Digital Skills	
515/28	The Sub-Panel Chairman confirmed that the Chairman of the Education and Skills Technical Action Group of Digital Jersey would be meeting the Sub-Panel on 4th October. In addition, significant steps towards the public launch of the Review would be made by initial discussion of a draft Scoping Document and Terms of Reference by the Sub-Panel at its forthcoming meeting, and the publication of the Digital Jersey Business Plan and the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture's Vision for IT in Education on 10th and 11th October respectively.	
23/09/13	3. Financial Services Ombudsman	
Item 1		
515/24	The Panel considered its approach to the ongoing delay in the publication of primary legislation associated with the establishment of a Financial Services Ombudsman. It agreed that the Chairman would table an Oral Question in the States regarding the ongoing delay.	TO/SL
08/05/13	4. Retail Framework	
Item 6	Depart ennouncements of initiatives being purplied, or equaldered by	
515/1(29)	Recent announcements of initiatives being pursued, or considered, by the Minister for Economic Development with regard to issues faced by the retail sector were discussed by the Panel. It agreed to scope a Review related to these developments and ongoing concern about the apparent outdated nature of the existing Retail Framework.	то
18/10/13	5. Ports of Jersey Incorporation	
Item 4		
515/1(24)	The Panel noted that the Chairman had requested a meeting of the Panel with the Minister for Economic Development to further clarify the framework that had been established for the Panel to receive the information that it required to undertake its Review, along with the expected timeframe for Ports of Jersey's work on its various work- streams and the Panel's intended Review timetable.	то
18/09/13	6. Jersey Innovation Fund	
Item 5	The Panel agreed to request an update from the Economic	

515/26	Development Department about the timetable for the announcement	
	of the appointment of the non-executive Board members. It further agreed that it would seek a meeting with the Chairman of the Board at an appropriate time after that announcement.	то
18/09/13	7. Enterprise Strategy	
Item 6		
515/3(19)	The Panel discussed its approach to work on the draft Enterprise Strategy, with particular consideration given to the results of recent	
515/5(15)	consultation by the Economic Development Department with targeted stakeholders, which, amongst other issues, had highlighted concern over the target of creating 1000 jobs over a three year period, the focus on high value sectors and high growth firms, ongoing measurement and monitoring of targets established by the Strategy, and the impact of population and migration policy on those targets.	
	The Panel agreed that there would be merit in questioning the Minister for Economic Development about the draft Strategy at a Public Hearing to with the intention of presenting Comments to the States. It was agreed to scope the work accordingly.	то
16/09/13	8. Aircraft Registry Public Hearing	
Item 1		
	The Panel noted the transcript of the recent Public Hearing with the	
515/23	Minister for Economic Development regarding his decision not to	
	pursue a joint Aircraft Registry with Guernsey. The Panel requested	то
	an update on subsequent progress being made to establish a Jersey	
	Aircraft Registry.	
26/07/13	9. Tourism Shadow Board	
Item 1		
	The Panel noted the recent high profile and activity of the Chairman of	
515/27	the Tourism Shadow Board, and agreed that it would seek a meeting	
	with him at an appropriate time later in the year to discuss the	
	progress being made by his Board on its aims and objectives.	
23/05/13	10. Condor Ferries	
Item 13		
515/1(24)	The Panel considered the ongoing negotiations regarding the future of Channel Islands' sea routes, specifically the permit arrangement for Condor Ferries and linked negotiations with the Governments of both Bailiwicks regarding the updating of its fleet. The Panel agreed to request an update on progress in anticipation of undertaking work on the matter at an appropriate time.	то
18/10/13	11. Work Programme	
Item 7		
	The Panel agreed to request an update to the Economic Development	
515/1(24)	Department's work-stream paper in order to inform its own work	
. ,	programme planning.	то
	12. Future meetings	
	The Panel noted that its next meeting was scheduled to take place at	
	9.30am in Le Capelain Room, States Building on 16th October 2013.	