

# Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

**Date: 17<sup>th</sup> August 2010**

**Meeting Number: 52**

Present	Deputy R. G. Le Hérisssier, Chairman Deputy T. M. Pitman, Vice-Chairman (Item 11 onwards) Deputy J. M. Macon
Apologies	Deputy M. Tadier
Absent	
In attendance	Mrs. E. Liddiard, Scrutiny Officer Miss. S. Power, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p><b>1. Records of Meetings</b></p> <p>The records of the meetings of 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010 and 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2010 were approved and signed.</p>	
	<p><b>2. Matters Arising</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the status of action updates from the previous meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010.</p>	
	<p><b>3. Chairmen's Committee</b></p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of the briefing notes from a meeting of the Chairmen's Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2010, and further noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Receipt of a memo regarding the Citizenship Programme, and confirmed the dates members would be able to attend the Citizenship sessions.</li> <li>b) A memo regarding the Home Life Exhibition. It was agreed that it would be difficult for members to man the stand during the morning of the 14<sup>th</sup> November as it was Remembrance Sunday. It was agreed that the Panel wished to put the following review topics on display at the Exhibition: Policing of Beaches and Parks; Succession Planning within the States of Jersey Police Service; Surveillance.</li> <li>c) Scrutiny Matters Edition 7 memo. It was agreed that it wished its Panel page in the Newsletter to highlight the topics that would be displayed at the Home Life Exhibition.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Item 4</b> <b>14.07.10</b> <b>516/23(8)</b></p>	<p><b>4. Political Education Review</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that the draft report had been produced, and that a Sub-Panel meeting would be arranged as soon as possible to enable the Sub-Panel to discuss its content before progressing further.</p>	<b>EL</b>
<p><b>Item 5</b> <b>14.07.10</b> <b>516/24(8)</b></p>	<p><b>5. Cultural Strategy Review</b></p> <p>The Panel noted a copy of the Department for Education, Sport and Culture's report into the Cultural Strategy. It was agreed that the Panel wished to hold Public Hearings during the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> October, with witnesses to include the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture,</p>	<b>EL/SP</b>

	and the chairs of various cultural organisations.	
<b>516/26(8)</b>	<b>6. Policing of Beaches and Parks</b> The Panel approved the scoping document and terms of reference for this review, to include a budget of £2,100.00. The Panel requested the documents to be sent to Chairmen's Committee for information and for the terms of reference to be sent to the Minister for Home Affairs for comment. The Panel requested a call for evidence to be drafted to go in the Jersey Evening Post and for an advert to be arranged with Channel 103, with the deadline for all submissions to be the end of September. It was further agreed that a press release should be drafted to coincide with the call for evidence. It was agreed that Public Hearings would be arranged once the call for evidence had been issued.	EL/SP EL/SP EL/SP
<b>Item 7 14.07.10 516/25(8)</b>	<b>7. Succession planning within the States of Jersey Police Service</b> The Panel noted that the call for evidence for this review had been approved, and would be placed in the Jersey Evening Post for two nights. The Panel requested a press release to be drafted to highlight the start of the review. It was agreed that Public Hearings should be arranged for the week commencing the 11 <sup>th</sup> October, with witnesses to include the Minister for Home Affairs, the Acting Chief Officer and the Acting Deputy Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police, as well as the head of Human Resources and the Chair of the Appointments Commission.	EL/SP EL/SP
<b>Item 1 03.07.10</b>	<b>8. 2011 Draft Annual Business Plan</b> The Panel discussed its amendments to the draft 2011 Annual Business Plan, and requested the officer to circulate a final version by email prior to the amendments being lodged during the week commencing the 23 <sup>rd</sup> August.	SP
<b>Item 1 21.05.10 516/19(8)</b>	<b>9. School Suspensions</b> The Panel noted the Ministerial Response for this review. It was agreed that the Sub-Panel for this review should meet to discuss this document, and requested the officer to arrange a meeting.	SP
	<b>10. Fire and Rescue Service (Jersey) Law 201 - Consultation</b> The Panel noted the draft Fire and Rescue Service (Jersey) Law 201-. The Panel requested a Public Hearing with the Minister for Home Affairs and the Chief Officer of the Fire and Rescue Service to discuss the draft Law in more detail.	EL/SP
	<b>11. Representation of Children in Court</b> The Panel noted a press release from Advocate T. Hanson expressing concern about children not being represented in court. It was agreed that a letter should be drafted to the Minister for Health and Social Services asking whether the Minister had any plans to progress this issue further. It was further agreed that the letter should also ask for an update on any progress that has been made by the Children's Policy Group.	EL/SP
	<b>12. Discrimination (Jersey) Law 2010-</b> The Panel requested the officers to contact the Department for Home Affairs to request clarification regarding when the Minister would be lodging the draft legislation.	EL/SP

516/1(49)	<p><b>13. Island legislation and the downloading of indecent images of children</b></p> <p>The Panel noted a letter from the Minister for Home Affairs regarding the legislation relating to the downloading of indecent images of children. It was noted that the Law Officers' Department was considering a number of issues relating to a new sexual offences law, and the Panel requested a letter to be drafted asking for confirmation regarding when this would be progressed.</p>	EL/SP
	<p><b>14. Forthcoming Propositions</b></p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of forthcoming propositions pertinent to its remit.</p>	
	<p><b>15. Ministerial Decisions</b></p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of recent Ministerial Decisions pertinent to its remit.</p>	
	<p><b>16. Questions to Ministers</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that the Minister for Social Security and the Minister for Planning and Environment would take questions without notice at the States sitting of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2010.</p>	
	<p><b>17. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that its next meeting was scheduled for the 8<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am, Le Capelain Room, States Building.</p>	

Signed



Date:

8.9.10.

Chairman  
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