

# Environment Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 29th October 2013

Meeting No: 55

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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<b>Item 1</b> <b>21.10.13</b>  <b>514/22</b>	<b>1. Pathway 2050: An Energy Plan for Jersey</b>  The Panel approved a final version of its report. The Scrutiny Officer was asked to make arrangements for this to be presented to the States on 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2013.	<b>MO</b>
<b>Item 2</b> <b>27.09.13</b>  <b>514/20</b>	<b>2. Radon</b>  The Panel noted that a contract had now been exchanged with the advisers, who were expecting to provide a first draft report before Christmas (2013). Members queried if this could be brought forward to 13th December, with a view to arranging review hearings with Ministers early in the New Year, preferably with an adviser in attendance. The Panel would then aim to complete its report by the end of January. The Scrutiny Officer was asked to contact the adviser to discuss these points and consider provisional dates for hearings.	<b>MO</b>
<b>Item 2</b> <b>15.10.13</b>  <b>514/1(25)</b>	<b>3. Taxi regulation</b>  It was noted that no comments had been received from members on this matter following the Panel meeting held on 21st October 2013. The Chairman proposed to contact the Minister by email to ask when the White Paper would be lodged.	<b>JY</b>
<b>Item 1</b> <b>15.10.13</b>  <b>514/1(25)</b>	<b>4. Drainage (Jersey) Law 2005</b>  Members were reminded of the closing date for comments on proposed amendments to the Drainage Law (8th November 2013). Any suggested comments would need to be agreed by email before this date.	<b>JY/SL/ PR</b>
<b>Item 4</b> <b>15.10.13</b>  <b>514/1(25)</b>	<b>5. Draft Aquatic Resources (Jersey) Law 201-</b>  The Panel discussed the outcomes of a joint briefing on the proposed law arranged by the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel on 24th October 2013. Members considered that the meeting had been successful and the Panel's views on the importance of maintaining the rights of farmers to collect seaweed, other historic rights, and ensuring proper consideration of the potential environmental impact of any new legislation had been clearly communicated.	

<p><b>Item 2</b> <b>16.09.13</b></p> <p><b>514/23</b></p>	<p><b>6. Historic buildings</b></p> <p>Members noted that despite a statement from the Minister for Planning and Environment at a previous meeting that the listing of historic sites would be discontinued pending the department's appeal against a recent landmark judgement of the Royal Court, there was evidence from some parishes that new listings were still being proposed. The Panel maintained its earlier decision not to proceed with a review of historic buildings policy until the appeal process was completed, but agreed to ask the Minister at the next quarterly public hearing why listing appeared to be continuing. It was agreed that the Panel would also question the lack of political representation at recent planning review board meetings.</p>	<p><b>MO</b></p>
<p><b>Item 7</b> <b>16.10.12</b></p> <p><b>514/1(31)</b></p>	<p><b>7. Panel work programme</b></p> <p>Members discussed items of potential interest for review in 2014. Topics considered included the Waterfront Masterplan, traffic congestion and road maintenance, and Driver and Vehicle Standards.</p>	
<p><b>Item 3</b> <b>14.12.11</b></p> <p><b>514/1(34)</b></p>	<p><b>8. Conflict of interest</b></p> <p>The Chairman declared a potential conflict of interest arising from work in his private capacity as a States Member in respect of any contact with the Transport and Technical Services Department concerning the Bellozanne scrap yard. The Panel noted that the Vice chairman would preside over any communication on this matter during future meetings and the Chairman would withdraw.</p>	<p><b>SL</b></p>
	<p><b>9. Forthcoming meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarterly public hearing with the Minister for Transport and Technical Services: 2.30pm on 11th November 2013, Blampied Room, States Building</li> <li>• Next scheduled Panel meeting: 2.00pm on 12th November 2013, Blampied Room, States Building</li> </ul>	<p><b>MO</b></p>