

# Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 26th March 2014

Meeting No: 87

Present	Deputy S.G. Luce, Chairman Connétable S.W. Pallett Connétable J.E. Le Maistre
Apologies	Connétable M.J. Paddock - Vice-Chairman
In attendance	Mr. T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer Mrs E. Turner, Scrutiny Officer (in part)

Ref Back	Agenda matter	Action
	<p><b>1. Records of Meetings</b></p> <p>The records of the Panel's meetings held on 11th and 13th March 2014 were approved and accordingly signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>11/03/14 Item 2</p> <p>515/28</p>	<p><b>2. Digital Skills</b></p> <p>The Sub-panel Chairman updated the Panel about the progress of the Review, including a recent meeting held to consider evidence gathered to date- and the next steps of the Review. It had been agreed to request a number of school IT Business Plans from the Education, Sport and Culture Department following recent site visits, to assist preparations for final Public Hearings and report writing.</p>	
<p>11/03/14 Item 3</p> <p>515/24</p>	<p><b>3. Financial Services Ombudsman</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that the planned second phase of its Review examining subordinate legislation to the draft <i>Financial Services Ombudsman (Jersey) Law 201-</i>, was now unlikely to proceed as planned following a revised consultation process outlined by the Economic Development Department. It was not envisaged that the legislation would be available for Review by the existing membership of the Panel prior to the elections in October 2014, and the Panel agreed that this likelihood should be relayed to its advisers.</p>	TO/ET
<p>11/03/14 Item 4</p> <p>515/31</p>	<p><b>4. Ports of Jersey</b></p> <p>The Panel noted additional draft background information papers from the Ports of Jersey and that it awaited additional information from Prospect and Unite unions on the Transfer of Public Sector Employees ('TOPSE') process.</p> <p>The Panel discussed the current position of its Review and agreed that it would continue to try progress as effectively as it could, despite continuing to await receipt of suitably advanced background documents and timetable clarity from the Ports of Jersey to be able to scope it's Review and confirm Terms of Reference on a suitably informed basis.</p>	TO  TO

<p><b>24/03/14</b> <b>Item 1</b></p> <p><b>515/29</b></p>	<p><b>5. Retail Policy Review</b></p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of Public Hearing transcripts from 13th March 2014, and considered the evidence gathered to date in detail as part of preparations for the concluding Public Hearing with the Minister for Economic Development scheduled for 3rd April 2013.</p>	<p><b>TO</b></p>
<p><b>515/1(24)</b></p>	<p><b>6. Topic Proposal</b></p> <p>The Panel noted correspondence from the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel regarding the proposed Esplanade Quarter Development.</p>	<p><b>TO</b></p>
<p><b>515/1(24)</b></p>	<p><b>7. Draft Companies Law Amendment</b></p> <p>The Panel considered the <i>Companies (Amendment No 11) (Jersey) Law 201-</i> and <i>Companies Law Response Paper</i> received from the Financial Services Office. Subject to clarification of a small number of points, it was agreed that the Panel did not anticipate the need for a further briefing or additional work on the proposed Amendment.</p>	<p><b>TO</b></p>
<p><b>26/02/14</b> <b>Item 6</b></p> <p><b>515/26</b></p>	<p><b>8. Jersey Innovation Fund</b></p> <p>A response from the Economic Development Department to the Panel's request for further information in relation to Boards under the remit of the Department was considered. The Panel agreed that, as the response did not provide the information requested, it would give further consideration to the options available to it to be provided with that information, including a Written Question to the States asked by an individual Member of the Panel if necessary.</p>	<p><b>SL/TO</b></p>
<p><b>515/27</b></p>	<p><b>9. Tourism Shadow Board</b></p> <p>In follow up to its report <i>SR1-2013 Tourism Shadow Board</i>, the Panel discussed the publication of the Tourism Shadow Board's report regarding the future structure of tourism in Jersey, and considered next steps. It agreed to invite the Chairman of the Tourism Shadow Board to attend a Public Hearing, and further agreed its intention to discuss the report at a subsequent individual or Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Economic Development.</p>	<p><b>TO</b></p>
	<p><b>10. Future meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted arrangements for the Retail Review Public Hearing with the Minister for Economic Development on 3rd April 2014. It further noted that its next meeting was scheduled to take place at 9.30am on 9th April 2014, Blampied Room.</p>	