

# Environment Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 28th January 2014

Meeting No: 59

Present	Deputy J. Young, Chairman Deputy S. Luce (Vice chairman) Deputy J. Le Bailly Connétable P. Rondel
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr. M. Orbell, Scrutiny Officer

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	<b>1. Record of meeting</b>  The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2014 were approved and signed.	<b>MO</b>
<b>Item 4</b> <b>21.11.13</b> <b>514/1(1)</b>	<b>2. Panel membership</b>  Existing members welcomed the Deputy of St. Mary as a new member of the Panel following his election on 21st January 2014.	<b>MO</b>
<b>514/1(25)</b>	<b>3. Briefing with Minister for Transport and Technical Services</b>  Members discussed a range of possible topics to be raised at a private briefing with the Minister on 3rd February 2014. These included traffic congestion, the Sustainable Transport Policy, waste charges, the Energy from Waste plant, and drainage issues.	<b>MO</b>
<b>Item 2</b> <b>8.01.14</b>  <b>514/1(25)</b>	<b>4. Taxi regulation</b>  The Panel agreed that it should not wait for a proposition to the States in respect of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services' White Paper on taxi regulation before commencing a review of the proposals. There would not be a public call for evidence, as this would duplicate work already done by the department; the Panel would send letters inviting key stakeholders to attend public hearings to discuss their views once the departmental consultation was complete. The Scrutiny Officer was asked to contact the department to obtain details of their consultee list and copies of submissions prior to the Panel commencing work.	<b>MO</b>
<b>Item 3</b> <b>8.01.14</b>  <b>514/23</b>	<b>5. Heritage protection</b>  The Panel discussed practical issues arising from current departmental policies regarding the listing and protection of properties of historic interest, such as the 1937 Airport building. Members considered the option of finding local experts to assist with a review, and various names were suggested. It was agreed that the Chairman would revisit previous draft terms of reference and circulate ideas prior to discussion at a subsequent Panel meeting. It was noted that recent publicity in the UK suggested that the Prime Minister was advocating simplification of bye laws and extending rights of permitted development; the Scrutiny Officer was asked to	<b>MO</b>

	<p>look into this to see if there was any reference to historic buildings that could be relevant.</p> <p>The Panel noted that recent incidents had resulted in significant damage to internal furniture and fittings in properties where uPVC windows had ignited during fires; this might raise questions about the appropriateness of uPVC material for replacement windows.</p> <p>Members also noted that following recent increases to planning charges, while there was now an overall cap in place some charges were apparently making a profit for the department. This was considered questionable, and members agreed to raise the matter with the Minister at a forthcoming public hearing.</p>	<b>MO</b>
<p><b>Item 9</b> <b>8.01.14</b>  <b>514/20</b></p>	<p><b>6. Radon</b></p> <p>The Panel noted a number of possible dates for public hearings with the Ministers for Health and Social Services and Environment. Following discussion the Scrutiny Officer was asked to follow up specific dates with departments.</p>	<b>MO</b>
	<p><b>7. Forthcoming meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next scheduled Panel meeting: 2.00pm on 11th February 2014, Blampied Room, States Building</li> </ul>	