

# Public Accounts Committee

## Record of Meeting

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Present	Connétable C.H. Taylor (Chairman) Deputy J.A. Martin (Vice-Chairman) Mr R. Parker Mr M. Robinson
Apologies	Deputy M. Tadier
In attendance	Ms K. McConnell, Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) Mr S. Taylor, Jersey Audit Office  C. Tomlinson, PAC Officer Mr M. Robbins, Scrutiny Officer

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512/1(1)	<b>1. Minutes</b>  The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting of 12th October 2017.	
12.10.17 Item 3	<b>2. PAC Work Programme 2017/2018</b>  The Committee noted an amended Work Programme in light of the current Chief Executive Officer's decision to retire earlier than expected. The Committee agreed it would not require the Chief Executive to attend a full public hearing in respect of recommendations yet to be implemented, however it would require him to attend a public hearing in respect of eGov on 27th November 2017.	CT/MR
02.11.17 Item 4 512/28	<b>3. Financial Management</b>  It was agreed that a meeting with the Treasurer of the States should be held to discuss the implementation of recommendations of the Committee and the C&AG. The Committee agreed to meet the Treasurer in private, in the first instance, at its next meeting of 13th November, and based on responses to its questions, devise a short report and follow-up public meeting with the new Chief Executive in January 2018.	CT
12.10.17 Item 8	<b>4. Jersey Innovation Fund</b>	

512/1(8)	The Committee considered the latest draft of its report and the C&AG and Mr S. Taylor, her affiliate, provided background information and suggested areas for which the Committee might need updated information from the Chief Minister's Department. The Committee asked the officer to circulate a list of said updates prior to requesting them from the department. It also agreed the draft report should be amended accordingly and supplemented with draft findings and recommendations for the later meeting in November. The Committee agreed it would wish the report to be finalised and published by the end of the year.	CT
12.10.17 Item 9 512/32	<b>5. eGov Review</b>  The Committee noted that the current Chief Executive was to leave post earlier than first envisaged, on 3 November 2017. However, it agreed to invite him to accompany the eGov Programme Director to a public hearing on 27th November 2017. The Committee asked the eGov Lead Reviewer, Mr M. Robinson and the PAC Officer to develop a question plan and circulate it before that meeting.	CT/MR
	<b>6. Executive Responses</b>  The Committee noted that some historic Executive Responses to C&AG and PAC reviews had not been requested or routinely presented to the States Assembly and thereafter published. It agreed a process by which the PAC Officer could do this as a matter of course and requested that the missing documents be so requested and presented.	MR
	<b>7. Recurring Themes</b>  The Committee noted that throughout the reports published by the Committee and the C&AG, there were recurring themes, such as the lack of corporate memory and poor decision making. The Committee was concerned that related recommendations had not been acted upon or implemented by the Chief Executive and/or the Treasurer of the States. It agreed these themes should form the basis of a question plan for the incoming Chief Executive at a public hearing in January 2018, and a 'legacy' review by the PAC before the elections in May 2018.	CT
	<b>8. Division of Work between Officers</b>  The Committee noted the areas of work to be carried out by the PAC Officers.	CT/MR
12.10.17 Item 4 512/1(8)	<b>9. C&amp;AG - Audit Plan update</b>  The Committee noted an update of the Audit Plan, including the C&AG's reviews on the Future Hospital: Decision-Making and Health Governance.	CT
	<b>10. C&amp;AG – New Board of Governance Member required</b>	

	<p>The Committee noted that the Board of Governance wished to recruit another member, preferably Jersey-based. The post was envisaged to require only three or four days' work annually, and would not be remunerated. The C&amp;AG advised that the position would be advertised shortly.</p>	<p><b>CT</b></p>
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