

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Zero/Ten Design Proposal Sub Panel

Minutes of 3rd meeting held on 10th July 2006
First Floor Meeting Room, Morier House

Present Senator J Perchard, Chairman
 Senator B Shenton
 Deputy G Southern

Apologies Deputy P Ryan
 Mr B Curtis (Local expert adviser)

Absent

In attendance Mr M Haden, Scrutiny Officer
 Miss S Power, Scrutiny Officer

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1.	<p>Minutes – The Sub Panel approved the minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2006.</p>	
2.	<p>Zero/Ten Design Proposal Seminar – The Sub Panel noted the notes from the 0/10 Design Proposal seminar held by the Treasury and Resources department on the 26th June 2006.</p>	
3.	<p>Zero/Ten Design Proposal Submissions - The Sub Panel noted submissions from Mr JP Frith and Le Rossignol, Scott Warren and Company, and agreed it would be beneficial to invite both parties to attend Public Hearings.</p>	SP
4.	<p>Public Hearing (13th July 2006) - a. The Sub Panel received a timetable for the Public Hearing, and noted that Advocate Ohlsson was no longer able to attend. b. The Sub Panel considered its question plan for the Public Hearing, based on questions prepared by Richard Teather, and agreed that the following members would deal with the following topics – Senator Perchard – RUDL charge Senator Shenton – Distribution and attribution Deputy Southern – Anti-avoidance Senator Perchard and Deputy Southern arranged to meet with Richard Teather at 2.30pm on Tuesday 11th July to discuss the Panels questions in more detail. Officer requested to prepare a draft question plan based on the above three topics in advance of this meeting. The Sub Panel noted that as a result of section 5.4 of the Draft Code of Practice for Scrutiny Panels and PAC, Richard Teather and Brian Curtis would be unable to ask witnesses questions at Public Hearings as they were not Panel members and were therefore not covered by immunity. The Sub Panel agreed that this would cause problems in Public Hearings for this review, as given the technicality of the subject matter, it may become necessary for advisers to ask witnesses questions to clarify certain</p>	SP

	<p>issues. The Sub Panel therefore agreed that subject to the advisers agreement, section 5.4 of the Draft Code of Practice would be suspended for this review. However it was also agreed that it would not be appropriate for States members appearing before the Panel to be questioned by expert advisers, and therefore in these circumstances it would only be Panel members asking questions. It was agreed that this decision needed to be brought to the attention of the Chairmen's Committee before the Public Hearing on Thursday 13th July 2006.</p>	SP
<p>5. Item 6 08.06.06</p>	<p>AOB Visit to Guernsey The Sub Panel noted that Guernsey had now debated its Future Economic and Taxation Strategy. It was agreed that it would be beneficial for the visit to Guernsey to be combined with Richard's attendance in the Island for a Public Hearing. Officer requested to establish whether it would be convenient for the visit to take place on the 1st or the 2nd of August 2006.</p>	SP

Signed

Date

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Chairman, Zero/Ten Design Proposal Sub Panel