

Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 16th March 2015

Present	Deputy L. M. C. Doublet, Chairman Deputy J. M. Maçon, Vice-Chairman Deputy S. Y. Mezec
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr M. Robbins, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p>1. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The minutes of the meetings held on the 9th and 25th February and the 2nd March 2005 were approved for signing.</p>	
<p>Item 2 09.02.15 516/1/1(7)</p>	<p>2. Conflicts of Interest</p> <p>The Panel considered that there were no areas of conflict that had not previously been declared.</p>	
<p>Item 1 04.12.14 516/1(1)</p>	<p>3. Constitution</p> <p>The Panel considered whether three Members was sufficient for its needs. It noted that a States Member had approached the Chairman to assist with the SEM Review. It was not possible to co-opt that Member as Deputy J. Martin had already been co-opted to assist with that review. The Panel agreed that it was open to another Member joining the Panel and would consider any requests on its own merits.</p>	
<p>Item 1 02.03.15 516/1/1(4)</p>	<p>4. Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture.</p> <p>The Panel referred to the transcripts of the hearing and noted that the schools were 'close to capacity' at this time. Highlands was 'beyond Capacity' and Hautlieu was 'full'. The transcripts were to be used in the preparation of the next quarterly public hearing.</p>	MR
<p>516/1/1(6)</p>	<p>5. Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Home Affairs</p> <p>The Panel undertook preparation work for the quarterly public hearing scheduled to be held on 17th March 2015 with the Minister for Home Affairs.</p>	
<p>Item 2 02.03.15 516/43</p>	<p>6. Prison Board of Visitors</p> <p>Information was needed from the inmates at HM Prison. This could be done by providing a written question of list of questions. It was agreed that expertise from the Statistics Office was to be used to ensure the questions were not leading. Contact was to be made with other interested parties, such as Freedom for Life. Other jurisdictions such as Guernsey were to be examined.</p>	MR

	The Panel discussed the media coverage and the responsibility for the media was devolved to Deputy S. Mezec for this review.	
Item 1 13.03.15 516/42	<p>7. Special Education Needs Provision</p> <p>The Panel noted the visit of the advisor, Dr Mark Turner from Real Group Ltd. The initial meeting had covered all the issues required and the large bundle of papers supplied by the ESC Department was to be examined. The cautious approach with taking the review to the public was recognised as being necessary and that was to be done with the involvement of the advisor. Hearings with the Minister were to be arranged for 11th or 15th May 2015.</p>	LD / MR
	<p>8. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel agreed to the next scheduled meeting being at 9.30am on Monday 20th April 2015, noting that the Chairman was out of the Island on that date and the meeting would be chaired by the Vice-Chairman.</p>	