

Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 15th May 2017

Present	Deputy T. A. Vallois, Vice-Chairman Deputy S. Y. Mezec
Apologies	Deputy L. M. C. Doublet, Chairman
Absent	Deputy J. M. Maçon
In attendance	Deputy R.G. Bryans, Minister for Education Deputy A.E. Pryke, Assistant Minister for Education Mr J. Donovan, Chief Education Officer Mr K. Posner, Director, Policy and Planning Mr C. Chipperfield, Director, Inclusion and Family Support Mrs C. Walwyn, Director, Resources and School Support Mr S. O'Regan, Director, Standards and Achievement Mr A. Harris, Scrutiny Officer Mr M. Robbins, Scrutiny Officer

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516/1/1(4)	<p>1. Briefing from Education Department</p> <p>The Panel welcomed the Minister for Education and his Officers to the meeting and received a briefing on the following matters:</p> <p><u>Communication with Scrutiny</u> The Panel noted that the Minister intended to organise meetings with the Panel in order to discuss work being undertaken by the department. This was in order to inform the Panel of ongoing work and progress on recommendations arising from reviews.</p> <p><u>Education Website</u> The Minister informed the Panel that work had been undertaken in order to create an Education website that would provide information regarding all stages of Education from birth to death. This was still in its prototype stages.</p> <p><u>Mental Health</u> The Panel heard that the department had made a recent grant to Mind Jersey of £38,000 in order to provide a Mental Health worker within local schools, to pick up issues with young people prior to them accessing the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAHMS). It was noted that this was a result of the Mental Health Strategy.</p> <p><u>Physical Intervention</u> The Panel was informed about a proposition regarding physical intervention and protection given to teachers. It was noted that Jersey policy was in line with UK policy, but this policy was not in line with Jersey Law. It was intended that this proposition would bring the law into line with the current policy. It was noted that this proposition had the full</p>	

	<p>support of the Unions and was intended to give clarity to teachers. The proposition was due to be lodged later in the week with the debate intended before the summer recess.</p> <p><u>Medium Term Financial Plan Addition</u></p> <p>The Panel noted that a proposition relating to the MTFP Addition was to be lodged whereby the department was to reduce the subsidy paid to the fee paying schools. The Panel noted that the reduction was intended to be 3% over two years, with 1.5% in 2018 and 1.5% in 2019. The Panel noted that this proposition was to be lodged later in the week with the debate intended before the summer recess.</p>	
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