

Environment Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

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Date: **Thursday 10th May 2007**

Meeting Number: **46**

Present	Deputy R.C. Duhamel (Chairman) (RD) Connétable K. A. Le Brun of St Mary (KB) Connétable A. S. Crowcroft (SC) Deputy P. V. F. Le Claire.(PLC)
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr M. Robbins. (Scrutiny Officer)

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1.	Minutes of Previous Meetings Minutes of the meeting of 26 th April 2007 were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
2.	Action Updates The Panel noted the updates from the previous meetings. The Panel requested information be obtained relating to the new draft Transport and Technical Services Integrated Travel and Transport Plan subsequent to the Panel offering comments. Details of the timetable were also required.	MR
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Item 9c 26/04/07	The Panel agreed that the lecture by Sir David King, Scientific Environment Adviser to the United Kingdom Government, given at a presentation on Monday 30th April 2007 at the Jersey Opera House was very worthwhile and contained much that would be useful to the Panel in the future. Transcripts of the event were required. RD. KB. SC. PLC.	MR
3	Design of Homes In discussing the viability of the proposed Malmo Fact Finding Visit, the Panel noted that the Minister for Planning and Environment, Senator F. Cohen would not be available until September. The Panel decided that the proposed date was not compatible with the timetable for the review. The Panel decided that it would not undertake the visit as the Minister was unable to attend. It was agreed that the review should be concluded and the report completed at the earliest opportunity. The Panel recalled that the review had been lead by Deputy S. Power until now and	CIQ
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	<p>that the newly nominated lead member, Deputy P. Le Claire, had not had the opportunity to become acquainted with the details of the review. He was requested to act as “Midwife” to the review and to oversee the production and launch of the report as soon as possible.</p> <p>Further work could be done later in relation to the Waterfront with the Malmo visit still being very valuable next year in a review which might be entitled Design of Homes 2.</p> <p>RD. KB. SC. PLC.</p>	
<p>4. Item 4 26/04/07</p>	<p>Waste</p> <p>The Panel received an oral report from the Chairman that the second part of the waste report was being reviewed by him and that the fifth part was currently being drafted. A target date was called for in relation to the completion of the report. It was agreed the report should be ready for the date of the next meeting, being the 24th May 2007.</p> <p>The Panel questioned the risk assessments and strategic planning for the La Collette area. It was not satisfied with the response letters and e-mails received as they had not provided definitive responses. The Panel requested that an invitation be sent to the Planning and Environment Minister, Senator F. Cohen, the Chief Officer of Transport and Technical Services, Chair of the Hazard Review Group and a representative of WEB for their attendance at the next Panel meeting on 24th May 2007. The matter would be discussed at that point and the Panel would establish the long term incentives, plans and objectives for the area in addition to where the responsibility lay for the future of the area.</p> <p>RD. KB. PLC.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>MR</p>
<p>5 Item 6 26/04/07</p>	<p>Environmental Taxes</p> <p>The Panel noted that letters had been sent to the Planning and Environment Minister, Senator F. Cohen, the Treasury and Resources Minister, Senator T. A. Le Sueur and Mr Chris Newton requesting the current position of the proposed environmental taxes.</p> <p>The Panel noted the difference between taxes that changed public behaviour towards a greener way of life and those which were simply green taxes, which lead to no behavioural change. The response to the letters was to be followed up.</p> <p>Comments were to be drafted and circulated to the Panel on environmental taxes, the specific ring fencing for environmental issues and targeting at behaviour change.</p> <p>RD. KB. PLC.</p>	<p>MR</p>
<p>6 Item 7 26/04/07</p>	<p>EDAW Report,</p> <p>It was noted that the consultation period for this report ran until Tuesday 12th June 2007. The report would be tabled until the next meeting to give Members time to read and digest the contents of the report.</p>	<p>Panel Members</p>

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7	<p>Update for Chairman's Committee.</p> <p>The report prepared for the Chairman's Committee was accepted.</p> <p>RD. KB. PLC.</p>	
8	<p>T & T S and Environment & Planning Business Plans</p> <p>The Chairman reminded the Panel that he was to draft a bullet point report relating to the business plans for the Transport and Technical Services and the Environment and Planning Ministers. He invited Members to contribute to that document and would circulate a draft for consideration through the Scrutiny Office.</p> <p>RD. KB. PLC.</p>	RD
9	<p>Deep Ground Water.</p> <p>The Panel considered a report relating to a submission by Mr G. Langlois relating to the drilling for deep ground water at the Ecrêhous Reef.</p> <p>The Panel accepted that the Minister had made a decision on the issue. However it requested that a letter be sent to the Planning and Environment Minister, Senator F. Cohen, to obtain assurances that money raised from the Water Resources (Jersey) Law 200- would be directed towards exploration of the water situation beneath Jersey and its offshore reefs.</p> <p>RD. KB. PLC.</p>	MR
10	<p>Orchid</p> <p>The Panel accepted that Orchid should be engaged when they offered best value for money.</p> <p>It agreed that should it require assistance with communications it should then make an approach to the most appropriate individual for that issue. (SC left the meeting)</p> <p>The Panel agreed that one member of the Panel should be selected to deal with the Panels communication needs, represent the Panel and make and foster as necessary all media activity.</p> <p>The Panel noted that at no time had it made use of Orchid and that serious concerns were voiced over the legality of the Public Engagement Group who appeared to be guiding Orchid.</p> <p>The Panel accepted that meeting with Orchid to hear what they had to say was sensible. The meeting was scheduled for the morning of Monday 14th May 2007.</p> <p>(SC Back in meeting)</p> <p>Concern was expressed over the removal of 1/5th of the cost of employing Orchid from the Environment Panels budget. The Panel had made it clear that they did not wish to be involved with the contract but £5,000 had still been removed. The Panel considered that it had autonomy over its portion of the budget.</p>	MR

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11	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next public meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Panel would be at 09.30 am. On Thursday 24th May 2007 in the La Capelain Room.</p> <p>RD. KB. PLC.</p>	MR
12.	<p>Matters for next agenda</p> <p>Deputy Le Claire requested that Airport Water be included on the next agenda.</p> <p>RD. KB. PLC.</p>	MR
13	<p>Energy.</p> <p>The Connétable of Grouville, Connétable D. Murphy, was welcomed to the meeting and addressed the Panel in relation to energy and the production of electricity from tidal resources.</p> <p>He expressed concerns that Alderney were looking seriously at tidal power and that we should be doing the same, in whatever form that needed to take. After discussing some of the technical issues of electricity from tidal power and receiving a document from Deputy P. Le Claire relating to giant underwater electrical sockets, the Panel agreed that there were numerous opportunities being presented to Jersey in relation to power, including the encouragement of research facilities into the subject.</p> <p>The matter would be held in abeyance until the energy policy was launched by the Environment and Planning Minister.</p> <p>The Panel would then consider the value of undertaking a review of all or aspects of that policy.</p> <p>RD. KB. SC. PLC.</p>	

Signed

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Chairman
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