

CHAIRMEN'S COMMITTEE

Meeting of Chairmen held on 10th July 2007

Meeting number 56

Present	Deputy S C Ferguson (President) Deputy R G Le Hérisssier (Vice-President) Deputy G P Southern Deputy J G Reed Deputy R C Duhamel Deputy D W Mezbourian
Apologies	Deputy A Breckon Deputy P J D Ryan Deputy C.H. Egré, Public Engagement Group Deputy S.P. Power, Public Engagement Group
Absent	
In attendance	Deputy K.C. Lewis, Public Engagement Group Deputy J. Gallichan, Public Engagement Group Mrs K Tremellen-Frost, Scrutiny Manager

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Item 1 19.02.07	<p>1. Newsletter "Scrutiny Matters" No. 2</p> <p>The Committee recalled that Scrutiny's first newsletter had been circulated in March 2007 and that it had originally been agreed that this would be a biannual event.</p> <p>The Committee revisited and reconfirmed that latter decision.</p> <p>On recalling that the Environment Panel had not contributed to the first newsletter, assurance was sought from the Panel Chairman that that Panel would be prepared to contribute to a second newsletter. The Committee agreed that Scrutiny needed to put a positive, united front to the public and in order to achieve this, all Panels would need to participate in the newsletter.</p> <p>Consideration was given to the rôle of the Privileges and Procedures Committee (PPC) with regard to public engagement on behalf of the States, the Council of Ministers, Scrutiny and PAC under Standing Order 128 (g). The Committee agreed that Scrutiny had an important rôle to play in itself engaging with the public and Deputy Gallichan, a member of the PPC, advised the Committee that PPC did not interpret that Standing Order in that way.</p> <p>The Committee also noted that the Scrutiny budget was the responsibility of the Privileges and Procedures Committee but was overseen by the Chairmen's Committee in accordance with Standing Order 143 (b). Notwithstanding the fact that the Committee had allocated specific amounts to individual Panels, the Committee was responsible for the allocation and did have, therefore, ultimate control.</p> <p>Noting that contribution from all Panels was required and that the Environment Panel was the only Panel which had concerns,</p>	

it was agreed that the Chairman, Environment Panel would discuss the matter with the Panel at its next meeting and accordingly advise the President of the Panel's decision.

Signed

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President, Chairmen's Committee