

SOCIAL AFFAIRS SCRUTINY PANEL
Meeting held on Monday 23rd January at 9:30am

Present	Deputy F.J. Hill, B.E.M., Chairman Deputy D.W. Mezbourian Deputy A.E. Pryke Deputy S. Pitman
Apologies	Deputy J.A. Martin, Vice Chairman
Absent	
In attendance	Mr. C. Ahier, Scrutiny Officer Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer

Item No.	Agenda matter	Action
1.	<p>To prepare for the Minister of Housing's attendance</p> <p>The Panel discussed the imminent arrival of the delegation from the Housing Department.</p>	
2.	<p>Meeting with the Minister for Housing</p> <p>Senator T.J. Le Main, Minister for Housing, Deputy J. Hilton, Assistant Minister for Housing, Mr. C. Mavity, Director of Estate Services, and Mrs. D. Counce, Director of Tenant Services attended upon the Panel.</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed the Minister and other members of the delegation and explained the purpose of the meeting.</p> <p>The delegation from Housing outlined their 2006 work programme.</p> <p>The Minister for Housing confirmed that Mrs. Counce was the nominated Scrutiny Liaison Officer and should be first point of contact.</p> <p>The Minister undertook to forward a diagram of the Housing Department structure to the Panel.</p> <p>The Panel discussed the Housing Trading Organisation proposals and it was confirmed that all new States members would be invited to a presentation by the Housing Department in February 2006. A separate presentation for the Scrutiny Panel detailing these proposals was arranged for 2:00pm on the 30th January 2006 at the Housing Department. It was agreed to write to the Council of Ministers for its view on the proposals.</p> <p>The delegation withdrew.</p>	<p>TLM DC</p> <p>CA WM</p>

3.	<p>To identify potential review topics arising from the meeting with the Minister for Housing</p> <p>As a result of the discussions with the delegation from the Ministry for Housing the Panel noted the following areas as potential topics for review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Trading Organisation proposals • An enhanced level of service for elderly tenants • Tenant Participation/Tenant Forum • Fuel Poverty • Rent Structure • Re-branding of States Tenants 	
4.	<p>Public Suggestions</p> <p>The Panel agreed to co-ordinate a call for public suggestions for reviews through the Chairmen's Committee.</p>	Chairman
5.	<p>Site Visits</p> <p>It was agreed that visits should be arranged to H.M. Prison, the Hospital and Police H.Q. and that a full list of departmental site visits should be drawn up after the work programme had been finalised.</p>	CA WM
6.	<p>Consideration of other business</p> <p>a) The Panel approved the minutes of the meeting of 9th January 2006</p> <p>b) The Panel approved the minutes of the meeting of 11th January 2006</p> <p>c) The Panel noted the Action Update list and agreed that if a Panel member wished to conduct a personal review they should inform the Chairman of the Social Affairs Panel and also the Chairman of the relevant Scrutiny Panel(s).</p> <p>The Panel discussed the referral of the Sexual Offences (Jersey) Law to the Scrutiny Panel for consideration of conducting a review. The Panel confirmed the following decisions made at Scrutiny Training on Friday 20th January 2006:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to request from Home Affairs all background information that they had considered in bringing forward their proposals; • to request the legal advice given by the Law Officer's Department to the former Legislation and Home Affairs Committees; • to request an opinion from the Law Officer's Department in respect of the legal 	CA

	<p>consequences of not approving the proposals in question; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to draft a statement in response to the referral. <p>d) The Panel noted the Budget developments concerning transcription.</p>	WM
7.	<p>Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted the next meeting would take place on 26th January 2006. It was agreed that future Panel meetings should be held at venues in locations other than Le Capelain and Blampied Room and in other locations across the Island and Deputy Pryke undertook to enquire about the availability of Trinity Parish Hall for the next meeting.</p>	AP

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CHAIRMAN, SOCIAL AFFAIRS SCRUTINY PANEL