

# Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

## PUBLIC MEETING

### Record of Meeting

Date: **21<sup>st</sup> June 2007**

Meeting Number: **42**

Present	Deputy P J D Ryan, Chairman Senator J Perchard, Vice Chairman Connétable D Murphy Deputy C Egré
Apologies	Connétable J L S Gallichan
In attendance	Mr M Haden, Scrutiny Officer Miss S Power, Scrutiny Officer

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Minutes –</b> The Panel approved the minutes of the meetings held on the 17 <sup>th</sup> May; 24 <sup>th</sup> May; 7 <sup>th</sup> June and 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2007.	
<b>2.</b> Item 3d 17.05.07          Item 3 07.06.07	<b>Matters Arising –</b> a. <b>The Island's ageing population &amp; pensions</b> – The Panel received an update from the Minister for Treasury and Resources on negotiations to fill the pension gap left by Norwich Union. b. <b>Budget Scrutiny</b> – The Panel noted that the Scrutiny Officer had recently attended a Scrutiny Conference in the UK that had included a brief session on Budget Scrutiny. The Officer had subsequently been in contact with Francis Taylor who had provided training to Scrutiny members in January 2006, and would be willing to provide Scrutiny Members with training on Budget Scrutiny, and the Panel agreed that this would be of great benefit. It was requested for the matter to be raised with the Chairmen's Committee accordingly. c. <b>Jersey Finance Fiscal Strategy Group</b> – The Panel noted clarification from the Chairman of the Fiscal Strategy Group that the invitation for a Panel member to attend meetings of this group was for any meetings the group held with the Minister for Treasury and Resources. It was agreed that it would still be helpful for a Panel member to attend these meetings.	<b>MH</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Forthcoming Legislation</b> – The Panel noted items of	

	draft legislation within its remit to be lodged for debate by the States within the next month.	
4.	<p><b>Ministerial Decisions –</b></p> <p>The Panel noted Ministerial Decisions within its remit for the period from 11<sup>th</sup> May 2007 to 11<sup>th</sup> June 2007, and requested for clarification of the Ministerial Decision in respect of the review of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2005.</p>	MH
5.	<p><b>Scrutiny Topic Proposal –</b></p> <p>The Panel received a topic proposal from a member of the public on the issue of Jersey's independence. The Panel requested for a response to be drafted from the Chairman explaining that regrettably as a result of the Panel's heavy workload it would not be possible to conduct a Scrutiny Review into the issues raised in the topic proposal.</p>	SP
6.	<p><b>Officer Time Commitments –</b></p> <p>The Panel noted an updated paper outlining officer time commitments from the 21<sup>st</sup> June – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2007.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Orchid Communications –</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that Orchid Communications had terminated its contract with Scrutiny with effect from the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2007.</p>	
8. Item 11 17.05.07	<p><b>Level Playing Field –</b></p> <p>The Panel revisited the decision made at its meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2007, and agreed that it wished to progress this Review as soon as possible, as there were currently the Officer Resources available to do so. The Panel requested for the Officer to liaise with the Chairman, and to begin putting together a draft Report, which would then be sent to the Panel's expert adviser for consideration. The Panel requested for a budget to be put together for an estimate of the adviser's time for this Review, to be approved as soon as possible.</p>	SP  SP
9	<p><b>Economic Affairs Panel review of money laundering</b></p> <p>The Panel noted a letter from Deputy Southern, Chairman of the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel, explaining the Panel's intention to conduct a review into the draft regulations for the prevention of money laundering and funding of terrorism. The Panel agreed that despite the fact that this review would involve looking at TIEA's, it would not duplicate the Panel's work in terms of the Level Playing Field review. The Panel noted Deputy Southern's invitation for a member of the Corporate Services Panel to join a Sub-Panel to conduct the money laundering review, however it was agreed that as a result of the Panel's heavy workload this would not be feasible.</p>	
10. Item 1 12.06.07	<p><b>Revised Waterfront Development Proposals –</b></p> <p><b>a. Terms of Reference -</b></p>	

	<p>The Panel approved the draft terms of reference and scoping document for this Review, to include an estimated budget of £10,000 for the engagement of an expert adviser. The Panel requested for the Chairmen’s Committee to be advised of the Panel’s Review accordingly.</p> <p><b>b. Sub-Panel Membership -</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that Deputy Ryan and Senator Perchard had declared an interest in this Review, and would therefore not be on the Sub-Panel, which would be constituted as follows:</p> <p>Deputy C. Egre, Sub-Panel Chairman Connétable D. Murphy.</p> <p>It was agreed that Deputy Egré should contact Senator Norman to establish whether he would be interested in being a member of the Sub-Panel.</p> <p><b>c. Relevant Paperwork -</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that the requested paperwork had not yet been provided, and agreed that this should be followed up as a matter of priority.</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>CE</p> <p>MH</p>
<p><b>11.</b> Item 6 07.06.07</p>	<p><b>Overseas Aid Review –</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that the Chairman of the Overseas Aid Sub-Panel wished to hold a Public Meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> or the 31<sup>st</sup> July to provide the opportunity to highlight the Panel’s conclusions and recommendations from its Report. It was noted that the Chairman of the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission had been contacted, to establish whether the Commission wished to join the Sub-Panel in holding this meeting, and that the Chairman was currently awaiting a response.</p> <p>The Panel noted that it would cost £100 to hire the Assembly Room at the Town Hall for this event, and approved the cost accordingly. The Panel further requested for the Scrutiny Officer to establish how much it would cost to hire St Paul’s Centre.</p>	<p>SP</p>
<p><b>12.</b> Item 6 17.05.07</p>	<p><b>GST Review –</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that to date the Sub-Panel had received one response to its call for evidence regarding the revised proposals for the treatment of the Financial Services Industry. It was further noted that the Sub-Panel would be examining the procedures regarding the taxation of imported goods, and the draft GST Regulations once issued for public consultation.</p>	
<p><b>13.</b> Item 7 17.05.07</p>	<p><b>Zero/Ten Review –</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that the Sub-Panel had been provided with a confidential copy of the paper prepared for the Minister for Treasury and Resources on the economic impact of the Deemed Rent Proposals, and that the Panel’s adviser was currently preparing comments on this</p>	

	<p>document. Following the Minister for Treasury and Resources consent, it was agreed that this document should be sent to Jurat Blampied in confidence for comment.</p> <p>The Sub-Panel would be meeting with its expert adviser on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2007 to discuss this document in addition to the draft legislation.</p>	<b>SP</b>
<p><b>14.</b> Item 8 17.05.07</p>	<p><b>Migration Policy Review –</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that the Sub-Panel had had to postpone its Public Hearings scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2007, as the Sub-Panel was still working on the basis of confidential information from the Population Office. The Sub-Panel was expecting to receive a timetable from the Population Office before the end of June, following which it would be possible to plan the Sub-Panel’s Review in more detail.</p>	
<p><b>15.</b></p>	<p><b>Future Meetings:</b></p> <p>Panel update meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2007 at 1 pm</p> <p>Full Panel meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2007 at 9.30 am</p>	

Signed

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Chairman  
Deputy P J D Ryan