

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

26th January 2006

Present Deputy P J D Ryan, Chairman
 Senator J L Perchard
 Connétable J L S Gallichan
 Connétable D J Murphy (from item 7 onwards)
 Deputy J Gallichan

Apologies

Absent

In attendance Mr M Haden, Scrutiny Officer
 Miss S Power, Scrutiny Officer

Item No	Agenda matter	Action
1	Minutes from meeting of 21st December 2005 The minutes were approved, and signed by the Chairman.	
2 21.12.05 Item 8 21.12.05 Item 6 21.12.05 Item 9	Matters arising from meeting of 21st December 2005 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Panel agreed that all agendas and minutes should be uploaded onto the website to enable the public to access them, however it was also decided that if confidential matters arose they would be placed under 'Part B' minutes. • The Panel requested additional information on the 'International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connexion with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea 1996'. • The Panel highlighted the fact that the structure of public meetings is still a training need that needs to be addressed. Chairman to discuss this matter with the Chairman's Committee to establish if any other Panels feel the same way. 	Officers Officers Chairman
3 21.12.05 Item 8	Notes from meeting of 16th January 2006 with Ministers The notes were approved as read. It was noted that the Ministers had agreed to the request for regular quarterly meetings with the Panel.	
4	Proposed dates of public meetings The Panel agreed the proposed dates and requested that they be uploaded onto the Scrutiny website so that the public could access them.	Officers
5	Draft Sexual Offences (Jersey) Law 200- (P.196/2005) The Panel had a joint discussion with the Social Affairs Scrutiny Panel concerning the above law, in order to co-ordinate the way forward for both Panels. The Social Affairs Panel informed the Corporate Services Panel of its approach to this matter, and read the Panel the draft statement to be made to the States on Tuesday 31 st January 2006. The Panels agreed to deal with this matter	

	<p>separately.</p> <p>Mr L Small (Director of the Youth Reform Team) attended the meeting and the Chairmen of both Panels explained to him the approach that they would each be independently taking.</p> <p>The Panel confirmed that it would be conducting a review on the international factors associated with this matter. The Chairman would make a statement on Tuesday 31st January 2006 to inform the States of this decision.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that the Chief Minister should be invited to the meeting on the 16th February 2006 to discuss the international aspects of the Sexual Offences (Jersey) Law 200-</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>Officers</p>
<p>6</p> <p>21.01.05</p> <p>Item 7</p>	<p>Proposed review topics for the work programme 2006</p> <p>The Panel considered Topic Proposal forms on the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiscal Strategy: 20 means 20, look-through taxation; and GST exemptions The Panel considered briefing papers prepared by the Scrutiny Officers. It was agreed that these were all potential review topics for 2006. Before making a final decision the Panel agreed that it would be beneficial for the Treasury and Resources Minister to make a presentation on the department's current position with regard to the above proposals. Officers were requested to arrange this presentation for the public meeting to be held on 16th February 2006. In the meantime the Chairman requested that members study the report and background papers of the review of GST carried out by the Shadow Scrutiny Panel in 2005. The Panel also requested officers to investigate the appointment of an adviser to assist it with taxation issues. It requested that an advert be drafted inviting propositions from potential independent tax advisers. • The Panel noted a specific proposal from a member of the public concerning the addition of GST to JEC utility bills and agreed that this might form part of a review of GST exemptions. • The Chairman outlined a proposal regarding a review of the fulfilment industry. • The Panel deferred the following topics until a later date - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> States Liability to pay rates States Property portfolio Law Draftsman's office Public Sector Pensions • Income Tax Instalment Scheme (ITIS) implementation issues – It was noted that the Chamber of Commerce was looking into the difficulties currently being experienced by small businesses. • Legal representation in matters pending at European Court of Human Rights – It was agreed that this was not a matter the Panel could look into. • Communications Unit – The Panel decided that this was a matter for the Chairman's Committee • Financial Services Commission - It was agreed that this came under the remit of the Economic Affairs Panel. 	<p>Officers</p> <p>Panel Members</p> <p>Officers</p> <p>Chairman</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Forthcoming regulations</p>	

	The Panel requested further information on the Draft Taxation (United States of America) (Jersey) Regulations 200-.	Officers
8	Departmental Business Plans Once the finalised Business Plans were available the Panel agreed to inform the Ministers that the Panel would be using them as a tool to monitor the department's performance.	
9	Training session: Questioning skills 23rd February 2006 The Panel acknowledged the training date; however Deputy Ryan, Senator Perchard, and Deputy Gallichan were unable to attend due to previous commitments.	
11	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Panel agreed to meet on the 9th February 2006 to discuss the proposed meeting with the Ministers, and the draft advert for tax advisers. • The Chairman requested a letter be drafted to Senator PFC Ozouf informing him of the former's intention to resign as director of Jersey Finance, due to the potential conflict that might occur given his position as Chairman of Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel. • The Panel requested as much documentation as possible to be sent to them electronically in future, and Connétable Gallichan requested any future correspondence to be sent via his Parish Hall email address. 	Officers Officers Officers

Signature

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Chairman, Corporate Services Panel