

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 8th April 2009
Meeting 17

Present	Senator S.C. Ferguson, Chairman Deputy C.H. Egré, Vice-Chairman Connétable D.J. Murphy Deputy T.A. Vallois
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Deputy M. R. Higgins (Co-Opted for item 2, present for items 2 & 13) Mr. M. Robbins, Scrutiny Officer Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p>1. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The Panel approved and signed the records of its meetings held on 12th, 18th and 26th of March 2009 with one typographical amendment to the record of 18th March 2009.</p>	
Item 3 18/03/09 513/19	<p>2. Economic Stimulus Plan</p> <p>The Panel thanked Deputy M. Higgins for attending and joining the Panel for the purposes of the Economic Stimulus Plan Review.</p> <p>The Panel decided to hold a separate meeting to deal with this topic at 09.30 on Thursday 16th April. The meeting would be in the Le Capelain Room.</p> <p>The Panel considered the services of an advisor for the Panel on the review. It was aware that Professor Michael Oliver was fully acquainted with the subject and reflected that as time was so short, that knowledge was a paramount consideration. It therefore agreed to proceed with the engagement of Professor Oliver.</p>	
	<p>3. Action Updates</p> <p>The Panel noted the update on actions it had requested at previous meetings.</p> <p>The Panel received briefing notes of the Chairmen's Committee meeting of 19th March 2009.</p>	
18/03/09, Item 9	<p>4. Williamson Report</p> <p>The Panel had received no response in relation to the letter sent to Health, Social Services and Housing Scrutiny Panel on 20th March 2009, which explained that the Panel was re-issuing its invitation for a Member of the HSSH Scrutiny Panel because it considered that representation of that Panel was important.</p>	

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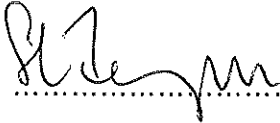
	The Panel considered the work needed on the Williamson Report and noted that the Health Social Security and Housing Scrutiny Panel was doing work in this area. It considered it was unnecessary for both Panels to be working on the same issues so agreed that nothing was required at this time	
	5. Strategic Plan The Panel noted that in relation to the Strategic Plan, the officers had received no comments from Members. Other Panels were noted to be doing some work in this area. The Panel considered the Plan 'woolly' and decided to defer this matter until the next meeting when it would have been possible to examine the contents of the Plan alongside the Economic Stimulus Plan.	
Item 11 18/03/09 513/16(8)	6. Waterfront Enterprise Board The Panel noted the presentation of <i>Waterfront Enterprise Board (P.12/2009) (SR1/2009)</i> .	
Item 6 18/03.09 515/15(8)	7. Deemed Rent The Panel recalled that Deputy E. Noel, the Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources, was currently working on the Deemed Rent proposals following the Panel's report and that further could be expected from his Department in the near future. The Panel noted the presentation of <i>Deemed Rent Report (SR2/2009)</i> .	
Item 8 18/03/09	8. Rapporteur The Panel noted that a letter to the Chief Minister had been drafted. The Rapporteur would liaise with officers to redraft the latter.	CE/ WM
Item 5 18/03/09 515/20(8)	9. Finance Sub-Panel Members of the Sub-Panel received folders containing all relevant documentation to date. The Panel noted the Terms of Reference, Scoping Document and Time Line, which the Sub-Panel had previously approved. The Panel authorized the documents for forwarding to the Chairmen's Committee. A letter from the Public Accounts Committee requesting a meeting with the Sub-Panel was noted and this meeting would take place on 23 rd April 2009.	MR
Item 1 26/03/09 513/18 (8)	10. Migration and Population The Panel noted that the Migration and Population Sub-Panel had agreed the Terms of Reference for the review. Hearings were to be held on 27 th April and 18 th May 2009. Potential delays in the progress of the Migration aspect of the review were noted. The progress of the engagement of the advisor, Dr Peter Boden of Edge Analytics Limited was noted, as was the call for evidence made in the Jersey Evening Post.	WM
Item 13 18/03/09	11. Freedom of Information The panel noted that the Privileges and Procedures Committee was examining the issues relating to the Freedom of Information in depth.	
Item 17 18/03/09 510/3(5)	12. 'Scrutiny Matters' Newsletter The Panel examined two proposed drafts of the submission from the Panel for the newsletter. Having chosen the preferred draft, the Panel suggested some minor improvements with authorization given for	WM/ MR

	<p>submission of the document on when the Chairman was satisfied.</p> <p>The Panel noted that the newsletter was due to be circulated during the week following the 14th May 2009</p>	
	<p>13. Advertising</p> <p>The Panel noted papers from the Chairmen's Committee on advertising in the Jersey Evening Post and documentation relating to advertising on Channel 103 radio station. The documents were considered useful with provision for advertising on Channel 103 having been built in to the Migration review.</p>	
	<p>14. Travel and Subsistence Policy</p> <p>The Panel noted the Travel and Subsistence Policy.</p>	
<p>Item 16 18/03.09</p>	<p>15. Treasury and Resources</p> <p>The Panel held a Public Hearing with Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources, who was accompanied by Deputy E.J. Noel, Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources, and Mr. I. Black, Treasurer of the States.</p> <p>Following the Hearing, the Panel noted that within the standard timescale, the production of the transcript would take place. A private hearing then took place in accordance with Articles 3.2.1(a)(xiv) and 3.2.1(b) of <i>Code of Practice on Public Access to Official Information</i>. The Panel thanked the guests who then retired.</p>	
<p>Item 7 18/03/09 515/17(8)</p>	<p>16. Property Holdings</p> <p>The Panel received a private briefing from officers of the Property Holdings Department. This part of the meeting was held in private session in accordance with Articles 3.2.1(a)(xiv) and 3.2.1(b) of <i>Code of Practice on Public Access to Official Information</i>. In conclusion, the Panel confirmed that it would need to look into aspects of the Property Holdings Department but that no resources were available until mid June 2009.</p>	
	<p>17. Forthcoming Propositions and Ministerial Decisions</p> <p>Current and forthcoming propositions and Ministerial decisions were noted.</p>	
	<p>18 Scrutiny Training</p> <p>The Panel noted that training for Scrutiny members was available in relation to questioning techniques for four hours on either the 11th or 12th June 2009. All Members of the Panel and the officers were due to attend between 0830 am and 12.30 pm on Thursday 11th June 2009.</p>	<p>Panel/ MR/ WM</p>
	<p>19. Part B Council of Ministers Papers</p> <p>The Panel noted that Part B papers considered by the Council of Ministers had been distributed to the Panel following a request by the Chairman in accordance with Paragraph 9.23 of <i>Code of Practice for Scrutiny Panels and the Public Accounts Committee</i>. These papers related to the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migration Policy • 2009 Funding Pressures 	

	20. Future Meetings The Panel noted its next scheduled meeting was to occur at 0930 am on 22nd April 2009. It further noted that the meeting would include a Public Hearing with the Chief Minister at 10:00 am on that day.	
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Date:



22/04/09

Chairman
Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel