

Environment Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 7th July 2009

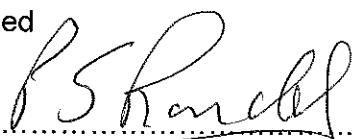
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Present	Deputy P Rondel (Chairman) (PR) Deputy D Wimberley (Vice Chairman) (DW) Connétable J Réfault (JR) Connétable P Hanning (PH) (Item 7 only)
Absent	
In attendance	M Haden, M Orbell

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	1. Records of Meetings The minutes of the meeting of 11 th June 2009 were approved and signed.	MH
	2. Action Updates The action update report was noted.	
Item 3 11.06.09	3. Building Bye Laws It was noted that the Jersey Electricity Company (JEC) had offered further information to the Panel on this matter provided confidentiality could be agreed. Members were not comfortable with this suggestion and it was agreed that the JEC should be informed that while the Panel would be delighted to receive any material that could be published, it could not accept any reports in confidence.	MH
Item 5 11.06.09	4. Environmental taxes The Panel discussed draft comments on the Environmental Tax Green Paper issued by the Minister for Treasury and Resources. There was felt to be an element of coercion in the approach adopted in the consultation which effectively implied that unless environmental taxes were agreed, unpalatable alternatives would follow. It was agreed that the draft comments should be submitted to the Department unchanged.	MO
Item 3 23.04.09 514/10(8)	5. Energy efficiency in States Buildings The Panel reviewed a summary of evidence received at the hearing on 24 th June 2009. It was agreed that more evidence was required from States departments and that this should be compared with the findings of private companies, such as the Co-operative Society Ltd. and other organisations that had enrolled in the Eco-Active programme. Dr L Magris, Assistant Director for Policy, Planning and Environment Department had offered to provide a selection of case-studies for reference. It was felt that there might be a need for professional advice, in which case a local candidate would be preferred; there might also be a good	MH

	case for a survey to be carried out. Officers were asked to continue gathering evidence.	
	<p>6. Quarterly Briefing with the Minister for Transport and Technical Services</p> <p>Members considered briefing papers concerning key objectives of the Transport and Technical Services Department put forward in the Draft States Annual Business Plan 2010, in advance of the hearing to take place later in the day. It was noted that there were few changes from the preceding year. However, the Solid Waste Strategy had been amended to include the phrase 'subject to environmental taxes'. Members felt that this undermined the consultation exercise that was just coming to an end.</p> <p>It was also noted that the Integrated Travel and Transport Plan (ITTP) had been renamed the 'Sustainable Transport Plan' (STP). Members considered that the apparent intent to build new car parks was inconsistent with the demands of sustainability; however full details of the revised plans were not yet available.</p>	
Item 3(2) 11.06.09 514/9(8)	<p>7. Energy from Waste Plant and Ramsar: Review of planning process</p> <p>The Panel discussed the question plan provided by the adviser for hearings to take place on 8th July 2009. The plan was felt to be very robust and it was agreed that members would adhere closely to the questions as received, while giving the adviser the opportunity to seek more detailed replies during the hearing.</p>	
	<p>8. States Annual Business Plan 2010</p> <p>The Panel received the draft key objectives of the Planning and Environment Department</p>	
	<p>9. Chairmen's Committee meeting 25th June 2009</p> <p>The Panel received the briefing notes of the above Committee.</p>	
	<p>10. Forthcoming Legislation</p> <p>The Panel received the law drafting brief for the draft Island Plan 2010</p>	
	<p>11. Ministerial Decisions</p> <p>Owing to time constraints the above papers circulated with the agenda were not discussed.</p>	
	<p>12. Forthcoming Meetings</p> <p>The next Panel meeting would be on 3rd September 2009 at 08.30am in the Blampied Room, States Building.</p>	

Signed



Date:

03/09/09

Chairman Environment Panel