Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 15th March 2010 Meeting Number: 39

Present	Deputy R. G. Le Hérissier, Chairman
	Deputy T. M. Pitman, Vice-Chairman
Apologies	Deputy M. Tadier
Absent	
In attendance	Mrs. E. Liddiard, Scrutiny Officer
	Miss. S. Power, Scrutiny Officer

Ref Back	Agenda matter	Action
	1. Records of Meetings	
	The records of the meetings of 10 th February 2010 and 26 th February 2010 were approved and signed.	
	2. Matters Arising	
	The Panel noted the status of action updates from the previous meeting on the 10 th February 2010. The Panel further noted briefing notes of the Chairmen's Committee meetings of 18 th February 2010.	
Item 4 10.02.10	3. School Suspension Review	
516/19(8)	The Sub-Panel Chairman provided an update on this review. The Sub-Panel had arranged two further visits to Le Rocquier School and Les Quennevais School on the 29 th March 2010. The report had been drafted and would be discussed and finalized after the remaining visits. The report was due to be presented at the end of April 2010.	
Item 1 26.02.10	4. Political Education Review	
516/23(8)	The Chairman informed the Panel that Public Hearings had been scheduled for the 16 th April 2010 dependent on confirmation from Witnesses invited. The Sub-Panel was due to meet on 25 th March 2010. Background information had been received from the Department for Education, Sport and Culture for the Sub-Panel's consideration.	
	5. Code of Practice for Scrutiny Panels and the PAC	
510/1(5)	The Panel discussed its views on the existing Code of Practice for Scrutiny Panels and the Public Accounts Committee. It was agreed that feedback with regard to seeking legal advice as well as preventing Chief Officers having an opportunity to accompany officers to Public Hearings should be sent to the Chairmen's Committee to form part of the review.	EL/SP
	6. Topic Suggestion	
	The Panel discussed correspondence received from a member of the public with regard to discrimination against women and persons with	

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disabilities. The Panel agreed for a letter to be sent to the Minister for Home Affairs to enquire what consideration had been given to the issues raised, and what preparations were being made in advance of the anti-discrimination legislation.	EL/SP
7. Forthcoming Propositions	
The Panel noted receipt of recent forthcoming propositions lodged au Greffe pertinent to its remit. The Panel agreed for a Comment to be drafted in support of the proposition lodged by Senator Alan Breckon with regard to the establishment of an Independent Jersey Police Authority (P23/2010).	EL/SP
8. Ministerial Decisions	
The Panel noted receipt of recent Ministerial Decisions pertinent to its remit.	
9. Questions to Ministers	
The Panel noted that the Minister for Education and Home Affairs and the Minister for Health and Social Services would take questions without notice at the States sitting of the 23 rd March 2010.	EL/SP
10. Future Meetings	
The Panel noted that its next meeting was scheduled for the 14 th April 2010, however the Chairman requested for it to re-scheduled for 15 th April 2010 at 9.30am, Le Capelain Room, States Building.	EL/SP
11. Any Other Business	
The Panel agreed for the Chairman to invite Deputy C Labey to become a member of the Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel.	RleH

Signed

Date:

Chairman

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