

Chairmen's Committee

Record of Meeting

Date: 24th January 2017

Present	Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré, President and Chairman, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel Deputy S.M. Brée, Chairman, Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel Deputy D. Johnson, Chairman, Environment, Housing and Technical Services Scrutiny Panel Deputy A.D. Lewis, Chairman, Public Accounts Committee (except Item 1) Deputy R. Renouf, Chairman, Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel Deputy T.A. Vallois, Vice-Chairman, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel (except Item 1)
Apologies	Deputy L.M.C. Doublet, Vice-President and Chairman, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel
Absent	
In attendance	Mr T. Oldham, Scrutiny Manager Mr W. Millow, Assistant Greffier of the States

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	1. Records of meetings The Committee approved the records of its meetings held on 6th and 9th December 2016, which were signed by the President.	
09.12.16 Item 2	2. Activity Reports The Committee noted Panel and PAC activity reports.	
	3. Jersey Innovation Fund The Committee discussed the potential impact on relevant Panels of the resignation of Senator P.F.C Ozouf from his assistant ministerial responsibilities. It was agreed that clarification would be sought of the Chief Minister by the President as to which Member(s) the Senator's former portfolio would be allocated, to ensure that Panels' could make appropriate arrangements for subsequent scrutiny of those topic areas. Consideration was also given to possible scrutiny of the issues surrounding the Jersey Innovation Fund. It was noted that aside from follow up work by the PAC to the C&AG's recent report, no other work was envisaged as falling within the remits and responsibilities of other Panels. However, it was agreed that it would be informative to any final decision for the President to establish with the Chief Minister precisely what external reviews he was commissioning on the matter, and for the Committee to be provided with any associated terms of reference and costs.	JLF JLF
09.12.16 Item 4	4. Protocol for Engagement between Scrutiny Panels/PAC and the Executive	

510/1(86)	<p>The Committee recalled that the draft Protocol had previously been forwarded to the Council of Ministers by the President, and noted that a preliminary response had been received from the Chief Minister. The Committee was informed that the President and Scrutiny Manager had met for initial consideration of the response.</p> <p>The President proposed the establishment of a working group to follow up this initial work, and to develop and present a proposed course of action to the full Committee in due course. It was agreed that the President would be joined by Deputy D. Johnson and Deputy R. Renouf on the working group, which would undertake the work as proposed.</p>	JLF/DJ/ RR
09.12.16 Item 5 511/2/1	<p>5. Residential Property Transactions Review Panel</p> <p>Deputy D. Johnson, Chairman of the Review Panel, updated the Committee about the progress of the Review. It was noted that the Panel would seek to meet shortly to progress its draft report.</p>	DJ
510/1(92)	<p>6. R5/2017 ‘Engaging the public with Jersey’s democracy: a three year plan’</p> <p>The Committee received the Assistant Greffier of the States who outlined the scope of the forthcoming project to achieve the webcasting of Scrutiny Panel’s Public Hearings, as contained in the Privileges and Procedures Committee’s recently published strategy <i>R5/2017 ‘Engaging the public with Jersey’s democracy: a three year plan’</i>.</p> <p>The Committee was supportive of the project and, in anticipation of trialling the technology and contributing to the development of the format of televised hearings, welcomed the opportunity for further engagement as work progressed. It was noted that research would shortly commence to establish appropriate technical options, about which the Committee would be kept informed.</p>	
	<p>7. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Committee noted that its next meeting was scheduled to take place on 28th February at 9.30am, Le Capelain Room, States Building.</p>	