

Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 18th May 2015

Present	Deputy L. M. C. Doublet, Chairman Deputy J. M. Maçon, Vice-Chairman Deputy S. Y. Mezec
Apologies	Deputy J. Martin (Co-Opted Member for SEN Review, item 7)
Absent	
In attendance	Mr M. Robbins, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p>1. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The minutes of the meetings held on the 16th, 20th and 30th April 2015 were approved for signing.</p>	
<p>Item 2 16.03.15 516/1/1(7)</p>	<p>2. Conflicts of Interest</p> <p>The Panel considered that there were no areas of conflict that had not previously been declared.</p>	
<p>Item 9 12.01.15 516/1/1(5)</p>	<p>3. School Starting Age</p> <p>The Panel received documentation relating to the age children start school. This included the Education (Jersey) Law 1999, scoping documents and transcripts from the quarterly public hearing on Monday 2nd March 2015 with the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture. Consideration of this subject led the Panel to agree that there was a case for greater choice in when a parent might start a child at school.</p> <p>In recognising that the Panel was busy with two reviews, the Panel agreed that it was to not in a position to start such a review at that time.</p>	
	<p>4. Media Coaching</p> <p>The Panel noted details of a media coaching programme. All members of the Panel declared an interest in undertaking such training and were to express their interest to the Scrutiny Manager.</p>	Panel
	<p>5. Medium Term Financial Plan.</p> <p>The Panel discussed how it might wish to consider the Medium Term Financial Plan, in view of documentation from the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel.</p> <p>It decided that as no paperwork had been made available at that time, it would request that the departments within its remit provide details of growth bids, whether successful or not. Further decisions might be made when documentation became available.</p>	MR
<p>Item 1 20.04.15</p>	<p>6. Prison Board of Visitors</p>	

<p>516/43</p>	<p>The Panel recalled that on 20th April 2015, it had received the Minister for Home Affairs, the Assistant Minister for Home Affairs, the Chief Officer for Home Affairs and the Prison Governor for a public hearing relating to the Prison Board of Visitors. It had considered the hearing to be difficult because the Minister had refused to provide a Ministerial position on the current arrangement for the Prison Board of Visitors.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that a questionnaire should be provided for the population of HM Prison to complete. It was also agreed that Further hearings would be held with witnesses that had come forward. The Lead Member was to meet with the officer to move the review forward.</p>	<p>SM / MR</p>
<p>Item 7 20.04.15</p> <p>516/42</p>	<p>7. Special Education Needs Provision</p> <p>The Panel noted that the visits to schools had been very successful as had the ‘Drop-In meeting’ both of which had been on 16th April 2015. It also recalled that it had adjusted its timeline and budget for the review. The public were to be informed of the extended period for the submission of evidence.</p> <p>A further visit to schools was to be arranged for 1st June along with a public workshop between 6.30pm and 8.30pm to gather further information from the public. The Town Hall was agreed as a suitable venue. As the work would continue through the day and into the evening, it was agreed that the Panel was to attend a meal with the advisor at a suitable location close to the Town Hall in order that the work of the Panel was not interrupted. Suitable signs for outside the venue were to be provided. An advert was to be circulated within the Schools.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that the public hearing with the Minister should take place on an evening and Monday 15th June 2015 would be an appropriate date. A suitable venue was to be established.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p>
	<p>8. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted the next meeting was scheduled for 9.30am on Monday 8th June 2015 in the Blampied Room and agreed to move it to 9.30am on Wednesday 10th June 2015 at a suitable venue.</p>	