

Public Accounts Committee Record of Meeting

Date: 9th July 2018

Present	Senator Sarah Ferguson, Chairman Deputy Carina Alves Deputy Rowland Huelin Connétable John Le Bailly
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Karen McConnell, Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) Caro Tomlinson, PAC Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Minutes</p> <p>The Committee approved the minutes of the (electronic) meeting of 26th June 2018.</p>	
<p>2. Briefing on Data Security</p> <p>The Committee welcomed Officers from Information Services to discuss aspects of data security. The Officers undertook to send Members detailed project plans and a 'roadmap' on the understanding it would be classified as strictly confidential.</p>	
<p>3. Declaration of interests</p> <p>The Committee noted the requirements set out in the Code of Practice with regard to declaration of interests.</p> <p>No general conflicts of interest were declared although Members agreed to revisit the issue for specific reviews. It was also noted that the Members might be conflicted if they were to join policy development boards (established for the purpose of influencing policy decisions) while they were privy to scrutinising the implementation of policy in keeping with the PAC's remit. The Chairman advised the issue would be raised at the next Chairmen's Committee and requested the Officer to seek the Greffier's views on the status of such Boards and their potential impact on the Scrutiny function.</p>	CT
<p>4. Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) Audit Plan</p> <p>The Committee received an update on the C&AG audit plan and the C&AG asked the Members to consider topics they would wish to be included on the 2018/2019 plan. The Committee agreed to provide ideas for consideration at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>5. C&AG Report on Operational Land and Buildings</p> <p>The Committee noted it expected the Chief Executive to provide an Executive Response to this report by 1st August 2018. The Committee, having reviewed its draft work programme, agreed it would wish to consider terms of reference and scope of its own review of estate management, at the next meeting.</p>	CT
<p>6. Executive Responses to C&AG and PAC Reports</p> <p>The Committee noted the Executive Response to the C&AG's Report on Decision Making on the Future Hospital site had still not been received. It agreed this was unacceptable and the Chairman would write an email to the Chief Executive</p>	

<p>expressing her concern. It also noted the Executive Response to Police Governance, and agreed to consider at its next meeting.</p>	<p>CT/ Chair</p>
<p>7. Implementation of C&AG recommendations</p> <p>The Committee noted a monthly update from the Health and Social Services Department in respect of its progress on implementing recommendations of the C&AG. It noted that no mention was made of the C&AG's report on decision making in respect of the future hospital siting. The Committee requested the Officer to seek further clarification on the departmental system for prioritising action on the recommendations. It also requested the Officer to ask the Chief Executive what steps were being taken to implement the C&AG's recommendations throughout all the departments.</p>	<p>CT</p>
<p>8. Briefing on new Finance Law</p> <p>The Committee welcomed members of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel at 3:30pm to receive a joint briefing from Officers of the Treasury and Chief Minister's Departments, on proposals for the new Finance Law.</p>	
<p>9. Next Meeting</p> <p>The Committee agreed its next meeting would take place on 23rd July 2018 at 1pm in the Blampied room, States Building.</p>	