

Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 14th December 2009

Meeting 42

Present	Deputy M.R. Higgins, Chairman Deputy C.F. Labey, Vice-Chairman Deputy S. Pitman
Apologies	Deputy J.M. Maçon
Absent	Deputy D.J.A. Wimberley
In attendance	Mr. T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p>1. Records of Previous Meetings</p> <p>The Panel approved the record of its meeting of 7th December 2009, which was signed accordingly.</p>	
07/12/09, Item 1	<p>1. Work Programme</p> <p>The Panel further considered the potential topics identified at its previous meeting for inclusion on its Work Programme for 2010. The Panel noted that it had indicated to the States that it would consider undertaking work on forthcoming e-gaming proposals and agreed that this should be added to the draft Work Programme.</p> <p>The Panel further noted that a Quarterly Meeting was to be arranged with the Minister for Economic Development in January. It agreed that a template question Plan would be circulated to the Members who would propose draft questions and forward them to the Officer for collation and subsequent distribution of a full draft Question Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Economy Strategy The Panel noted that membership of the Sub-Panel had yet to be confirmed and agreed to send a invitation requesting expressions of interest to all eligible Members. • Airport and/or Harbours: The Panel recalled that at its previous meeting it had agreed to the Chairman's proposal of Deputy C.H. Egré, Deputy P.J. Rondel and himself as members of the Sub-Panel. The Chairman advised the Panel that he had since spoken to Deputy C.H. Egré who had advised that he would no longer be able to take up a position on the Sub-Panel. In addition, it was unclear as to whether Deputy P.J. Rondel would be able to take up a position due to a possible conflict of interest. The Panel also discussed a possible conflict of interest for the Chairman in relation to the 	<p>TO</p> <p>TO/ Panel</p> <p>TO</p> <p>MH</p>

	<p>airport and agreed that the Chairman should seek the advice of the Greffier of the States.</p> <p>The Chairman advised the Panel that he had also approached Deputy M. Tadier, Deputy D. J. De Sousa and Deputy T.A. Vallois as possible Members of the Sub-Panel and that those Deputies had expressed interest in joining.</p> <p>The Panel further considered the wide remit of the Sub-Panel and the previous advice of the Officer as to the selection criteria for review topics, as set out in the Code of Practice. The Chairman noted the directions of the Code of Practice but advised the Panel that it may be necessary for the Sub-Panel to adopt a wider scope in order for it to review certain significant matters in these areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Unemployment/Highlands College/Skills and Training: <p>The Chairman advised the Panel that he had not as yet been able to speak to the relevant Members to seek a meeting regarding a suitable way forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intellectual Property <p>The Panel noted that it was awaiting a response to its request for background documents from the Economic Development Department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jersey Finance <p>The Panel noted the follow up work that it had undertaken in relation to the previous Panel's review. It agreed to write to the Minister for Economic Development with outstanding questions relating to that work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jersey Enterprise <p>The Panel agreed that it would raise questions relating to Jersey Enterprise at the Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for Economic Development. The Panel requested the Officer to gather background information on Jersey Enterprise and distribute it to the Panel.</p>	<p>TO</p> <p>TO</p>
	<p>2. Tourism PPP</p> <p>The Panel again agreed that Members would read through the Tourism PPP review files ahead of consideration at its subsequent meeting of the next steps for the review.</p>	
<p>07/12/09, Item 2</p>	<p>3. Bag Limits</p> <p>In order to progress the draft report the Panel agreed that it would forward comments to the Officer. It was noted in particular that the Chairman intended to draft changes to the report as it stood and it was agreed that he would forward those amendments to the Officer and liaise with him accordingly on the report's direction.</p>	<p>Panel MH</p>
<p>23/11/09, Item 2</p>	<p>4. Depositor Compensation Scheme</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of the official Ministerial response to its report <i>SR10/2009</i>. It agreed that it would include provision for follow up work to the review as part of its 2010 Work Programme.</p>	<p>TO</p>

5. Future Meetings

The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on 11th January 2009, Le Capelain Room, States Building.

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Chairman
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