

Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 28th November 2012

Meeting No: 36

Present	Deputy S.G. Luce, Chairman Connétable S.W. Pallett, Vice-Chairman Connétable M.J. Paddock
Apologies	
In attendance	Chairman Designate, Tourism Shadow Board (Item 2) Deputy J.M. Maçon, Chairman Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel (Item 3) Connétable M.P.S Le Troquer, Vice-Chairman Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel (Item 3) Mr M. Haden, Scrutiny Officer (Item 3) Mr T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer Mrs J. Hales, Scrutiny Officer

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	1. Records of Meetings The Panel approved the records of its meetings held on 14th, 19th and 20th November 2012, which were signed accordingly by the Chairman.	
19/11/12 Item 1 515/27	2. Tourism Shadow Board The Panel welcomed the Chairman designate of the proposed Tourism Shadow Board. Discussions were held to help provide the Panel with context about the Chairman designate's approach to the role and more generally to the work of the Board.	
31/10/12 Item 9 515/1(24)	3. Digital Skills/ Digital Jersey The Panel welcomed the Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel to discuss plans for a Review of the Education Department's response to the findings of the report by Skills Jersey and Digital Jersey, entitled <i>The Digital Picture</i> (Interim report dated September 2012), by the Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel. Members were conscious that the Economics Affairs Scrutiny Panel intended to undertake a Review focussing on the role of Digital Jersey in expanding the digital economy in the Island, and therefore believed it was appropriate to consider the possibility of a joint Review or a phased two part Review looking at the above aspects of the States response to digital opportunities. It was agreed that there was a synergy between the work of the two Panels in this regard and that it would be sensible for a single group to examine both the educational and economic implications presented by Digital Jersey and associated projects. Both Panels agreed to the establishment of a Sub Panel which would initially undertake a Review	

	of the proposed development of digital skills by the Education, Sport and Culture Department, commencing early in 2013, to be followed at a later stage by a Review of progress in developing the digital economy in Jersey. Connétable S.W. Pallett agreed to act as Chairman of the Sub-Panel, with further consideration to be given to its most appropriate structure and membership.	TO
20/11/12 Item 1 515/25	4. Intellectual Property Unregistered Rights (IPURL) Following receipt of its adviser's final report, the Panel considered and approved its Comments on the lodged subordinate legislation, which would be formatted and presented accordingly.	TO
	5. Skills Strategy The Panel noted that it had been informed by the Economic Development Department that the draft Skills Strategy was due to be forwarded to Scrutiny once the Executive had received confirmation of Scrutiny's approach to a possible Review, given the Strategy's cross-Departmental nature. In order to be able to determine the most appropriate approach by Scrutiny to a possible Review, the Panel agreed that it would request that a draft copy of the Strategy should be distributed to itself, the Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel and Health, Social Security and Housing Scrutiny Panel, within whose remit the Skills Strategy would fall.	TO
31/11/12 Item 6 515/1(24)	6. Work Programme The Panel considered and approved its Work Programme for 2013, although it noted that this might require amendment depending on the outcome of ongoing consideration of possible work on Digital Skills/Digital Jersey and the Skills Strategy.	
	7. Future Meetings The Panel noted arrangements for its combined Tourism Shadow Board and Quarterly Public Hearing on 3rd December, in Le Capelain Room, States Building, with the Minister for Economic Development. The Panel agreed outline topics to be covered during the Quarterly Hearing, which would be circulated to the Panel for more detailed question planning. The Panel received Connétable M.J. Paddock's apologies for the meeting. The Panel's subsequent meeting was scheduled to take place at 9.30am on 19th December, Blampied Room, States Building.	