

# Education & Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

## PUBLIC MEETING

### Record of Meeting

Date: 23rd July 2007  
Meeting 35

Present	Deputy D.W. Mezbourian, Chairman Deputy J. Gallichan, Vice-Chairman Deputy S. Pitman
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer Mr. T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p><b>1. Records of Meetings</b> The Panel approved and signed the records of its meetings of 2nd July, 5th July and 9th July (public and private sessions) 2007.</p>	
[09/07/07, Item 2]	<p><b>2. Rôle of the Centenier in the Magistrate's Court</b> The Panel considered progress on its Scrutiny Review of the rôle of the Centenier in the Magistrate's Court. This part of the meeting was held in private session under Item 3.2.1(a)(xiv) of <i>Code of Practice on Public Access to Official Information</i>.</p>	
[09/07/07, Item 3]	<p><b>3. Early Years</b> The Panel was advised that there had been limited progress in identifying potential candidates for the expert advisor. It was noted that the Scrutiny Officer would follow up this matter.</p> <p>The Panel recalled its previous agreement to contact organisations in order to request site visits. The Panel was advised that those organisations had welcomed the Panel's request to visit and dates had been agreed subject to the Panel's availability. The Panel agreed to the suggested dates and requested the Officer to confirm arrangements with the relevant organisations.</p>	TO  TO
[11/06/07, Item 9]	<p><b>4. Policing of Events</b> The Panel discussed a report entitled <i>States of Jersey Police – New User Pays Charges</i> that had been presented by the Minister for Home Affairs to the Council of Ministers on 14th June 2007. This part of the meeting was held in private session under Item 3.2.1(a)(xiv) of <i>Code of Practice on Public Access to Official Information</i>.</p>	
[09/07/07, Item 11] [05/03/07, Item 7] [11/06/07, Item 11]	<p><b>5. Future Work Programme</b> The Panel discussed the <i>Safer St Helier</i> Report that was presented to the Council of Ministers on 28th June 2007. The Panel noted that issues raised in the report might be pertinent to its next Review, recalling its previous decision that its next Review would involve a cross-departmental approach and that it would focus on young people.</p> <p>The Panel requested clarification be sought by the Officers on matters relating to the Children's Executive, Youth Action Team and the recommendations of the <i>Review of the Principles, Practices and Provision for Children and Young People with Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties and Disorders in the Island of Jersey</i> (i.e.</p>	WM /TO

	the 'Bull Report'). It was noted that the Bull Report might also be useful in establishing the next Review topic.	
<b>[30/04/07, Item 1.11]</b>	<p><b>6. Police Authority</b></p> <p>The Panel noted recent articles from the Jersey Evening Post relating to the Police Authority and considered its future course of action on the subject. It agreed that the Officers would contact the Department of Home Affairs in relation to this subject and report back to the Panel with an update on the progress of the proposals.</p>	<b>WM /TO</b>
<b>[30/04/07, Item 1.1a]</b>	<p><b>7. Critical Skills and Assessment for Learning</b></p> <p>The Panel was advised that, further to its earlier decision to undertake visits in relation to Critical Skills and Assessment for Learning, contact had been made with Mr C. Chipperfield from the Department of Education, Sport and Culture regarding possible arrangements for the visits. The Panel considered a paper detailing potential arrangements. It noted an offer from Mr. Chipperfield to brief the Panel and agreed to invite him to a Panel Meeting in September 2007, with a view to undertaking the visits shortly thereafter.</p>	<b>WM /TO</b>
<b>[09/07/07, Item 14]</b>	<p><b>8. Ministerial Responses</b></p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of the Ministerial Responses to <i>Overdale: The Closure of Leoville and McKinstry Wards</i> (SR1/2007) and <i>The GP Out-of-Hours Co-Operative Service</i> (SR6/2007).</p> <p>The Panel was advised by the Chairman that she had attended a meeting on 20th July 2007 at which the Ministerial Response to SR1/2007 had been considered. It was noted that a letter would be sent to the Council of Ministers from the President of the Chairmen's Committee which suggested amendments to the protocol on Ministerial Responses to Scrutiny Reports that had been prepared by the Council. It was further noted that a request had been made for work to be done on the direct responses that had been given to the recommendations and findings contained within SR1/2007.</p> <p>The Panel noted that a request had been made by the Health, Social Security and Housing Scrutiny Panel for comments regarding the Ministerial Response to <i>The GP Out-of-Hours Co-Operative Service</i> (SR6/2007). Consideration was given to areas of the Response upon which the Panel might wish to comment. It was agreed that Panel Members would give the Response further consideration and contact the Scrutiny Office in the event that further comments were identified. The Panel considered whether an acknowledgement to the Ministerial Response would go in its own name or in the name of the Health, Social Security and Housing Panel. It requested that the situation be clarified.</p>	<p><b>WM</b></p> <p><b>DM /JG /SP</b></p> <p><b>WM</b></p>
<p><b>[09/07/07, Item 5]</b></p> <p><b>[09/07/07, Item 6]</b></p>	<p><b>9. Action Updates and Matters Arising</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the actions undertaken in response to requests made at its previous meetings.</p> <p>The Panel noted that, subsequent to its letter forwarded on 13th July 2007, correspondence had been received from Minister for Home Affairs outlining the timetable of work to be undertaken in preparation for the IMF visit.</p> <p>As requested by the Panel, clarification had been received from the Department of Home Affairs regarding whether a report on the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme had been presented to the Council of Ministers.</p>	

<b>[11/06/07, Item 5]</b>	The Panel noted confirmation of the date for its confidential RIPL briefing. The briefing would be provided by the States of Jersey Police on 15th October 2007.	
<b>[25.06.07, Item 6]</b>	<p><b>10. Chairman and Panel Member Actions</b> The Panel received an oral update from the Chairman on the position and future progress of the draft Code of Practice.</p> <p>The Panel was advised that Professor E. Sallis, Principal of Highlands College, would meet the Chairman on Tuesday 24th July 2007.</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of correspondence from Mr. G. Power, Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police. The Panel was informed by Deputy S. Pitman that a date had been arranged with the States of Jersey Police when she would be accompanying Officers during the night shift.</p>	<b>DM</b>
	<p><b>11. Media Articles</b> Further to the articles relating to the Police Authority, the Panel noted a recent Jersey Evening Post article on Prison numbers. The Panel agreed that it would forward media articles that it would like to be placed on the agenda to the Officers.</p>	
	<p><b>12. Ministerial Decisions</b> The Panel noted that the following decision had been made by the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Jersey Child Care Trust - Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2006 (MD-ESC-2007-0030) – 5th June 2007</i></li> </ul> <p>The Panel noted that the following decision had been made by the Minister for Home Affairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Budget transfers within Home Affairs (MD-HA-2007-0049) – July 2007</i></li> </ul>	
	<p><b>13. Questions to Ministers</b> The Panel noted that the Minister for Social Security, Senator P. F. Routier, and the Chief Minister, Senator F.H. Walker, would answer questions without notice at the States sitting of 11th September 2007.</p> <p>The Panel was advised that the Deputy J. Gallichan was minded to table an oral question to the Minister for Social Security regarding the separation of child care related benefits from the proposed Income Support scheme.</p>	<b>JG</b>
	<p><b>14. Media Release</b> The Panel agreed it would not make a media release consequent to the meeting.</p>	
	<p><b>15. Future Meetings</b> The Panel agreed it would next meet at 9:30am on 26th July 2007 at which time it would consider the draft Centeniers report and the Early Years Review. It would meet again on 4th September 2007 at which time administrative matters would be considered amongst other issues. It was noted that other meetings would possibly be arranged in the meantime as required.</p>	

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Chairman  
Education & Home Affairs Panel