

Environment Scrutiny Panel
Meeting No. 28
 2nd November 2006
 Le Capelain Room, States Building
 Public Session

Present Deputy R.C. Duhamel (Chairman) (RD)
 Deputy G.C.L. Baudains (Vice Chairman) (GB)
 Connétable K. A. Le Brun of St Mary (KB)
 Deputy Le Hérissier (RH)
 Deputy S. Power (SP)

Apologies

Absent

In attendance M. Robbins, Scrutiny Officer (MR)

9.35 am Meeting commenced

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1.	<p>Minutes</p> <p>Minutes for the 19th October 2006 were considered and with regard to Item 2 it was agreed that the words, "and did not wish to resign" were to be removed. The Panel agreed future minutes would record times of starting and finishing the meetings with a note of who was present for each item.</p> <p>Present:- RD. GB. KB. SP. MR</p>	MR
2. (Item 2, 19/09/06) (Item 8 19/10/06) (Item 6 19/10/06)	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>The Panel discussed the current working practices and the involvement Members and officers had in the reviews. It was agreed that any concerns in this area were to be considered at meetings.</p> <p>The Panel expressed concern that the Planning Process Review may stall if the lead officer were not ensured the time to write the report. There were pressures in relation to the Jersey Telecoms Review which he was also working on. The Panel was advised that the matter had been considered at a recent Chairmen's Committee meeting and the lead officer for the Planning Process Review had been fully released for a two-week period to dedicate time to drafting the report.</p> <p>The reply from Senator Legrand, Président du Conseil Général de la Manche in relation to deep ground water in the Bay of Mont St Michel was still awaited. It was understood that Deputy S.Ferguson had not received a reply and the officer was requested to follow up this matter up with Mr S. Canavan, Chargee de Mission, as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>Present:- RD. GB. KB. SP. RH. MR</p>	MR
3 (Item 7 19/10/06)	<p>Items to note.</p> <p>The Panel noted the following three items: -</p> <p>i) Planning and Environment report on completion of test on boreholes. The Panel stated its disagreement with the statement within the report that the drilling had been completed successfully</p>	

19/10/06)	<p>the 11th, 12th and 15th December 2006 clashed with commitments of some Panel Members.</p> <p>Concerning the fact finding visit to Malmo and Vienna previously agreed by the Panel, it was noted that Senator T Le Main, Minister for Housing had declined the invitation to join the Panel on the visit. The Panel agreed that the Minister had sufficient officer support to obtain the information through his department but the Scrutiny Panels had such limited support that they needed to obtain any supporting information themselves.</p> <p>It was also noted that Senator F Cohen, Minister for Planning and Environment had shown an interest in attending but had declined as he was unavailable at the time proposed for the visit. The Panel noted his budget difficulties but considered his attendance on the visit to be crucial and the Panel therefore agreed to rearrange the visit to enable the Minister to attend. Contact was to be made with the Minister establishing a convenient date.</p> <p>The Panel accepted that this might delay completion of the review until January or February but considered that this was an acceptable delay for the benefits involved. The Panel would decide at a later date which of its members would be available for the visit.</p> <p>Present:- RD. GB. KB. SP. RH. MR</p>	MR
6 (Item 13 19/10/06)	<p>Waste Review</p> <p>The Panel gave consideration to a position paper dated 26th October 2006 which indicated that the proposed visit to Cardiff Materials Recycling Facility was at the same time as the Sustainable Development UK (SDUK) Conference in London. The Chairman proposed that the visit could include both venues. The Panel considered that sustainability underpinned every study which fell within it's remit particularly the forthcoming energy and transport issues, which were expected next year. The content of the SDUK Conference offered excellent preparation for Panel Members</p> <p>The Panel noted that Scrutiny was specified amongst the group of invitees on the advertising leaflet for the conference which was circulated to members with the agenda. The Panel felt strongly that all Members would attend. The Panel also noted that the Connétable of St Helier had expressed an interest in joining the visit for the Cardiff section. The Panel discussed an e-mail communication from the Greffier of the States relating to the visit and dictated a reply to be sent by the officer.</p> <p>The Panel recalled that it had previously authorised a cost of £300 per head for the visit to Cardiff and now authorised up to £612.50 per head for the combined visit to London and Cardiff which was to include the cost of the SDUK conference.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would look at an Energy Review in the early part of 2007 which was a huge subject that would involve the full Panel membership. It was recognised that individual Panel members had specific interests and specialities. This suggested that areas within the energy review such as for example, transport and housing energy, would easily sit with individual members to lead. The Panel noted that resources at officer level had to be accounted for when the review was planned.</p>	MR MR

	Present:- RD. GB. KB. SP. RH. MR	
7	<p>Press Releases.</p> <p>The Panel considered that the forthcoming visit to the SDUK Conference in London should be publicised in the media as should the Material Recycling Facility details from Cardiff. The press should be given details both before and after the event.</p> <p>The Design of Homes Review was about to send out a press release to coincide with the request for public submissions.</p> <p>The Panel was reminded that all press releases must be approved by the Chairman.</p> <p>Present:- RD. GB. KB. SP. RH. MR</p>	<p>MR / RD</p> <p>SP / MR / RD</p>
8	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting was arranged for 9.30 am on 16th November 2006 in the Le Capelain Room.</p>	

The meeting ended at 1205 pm.

Signed

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Chairman, Environment Panel

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