

Chairmen's Committee

Record of Meeting

Date: 15.07.10
Meeting No: 51

Present	Senator B. E. Shenton, President Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier, Vice-President Senator S.C. Ferguson Deputy M.R. Higgins
Apologies	Deputy P.J. Rondel
Absent	Deputy G. P. Southern
In attendance	Mrs. K. Tremellen-Frost, Scrutiny Manager

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	1. Minutes The Minutes of 17th June 2010, as amended and those of 18th, 21st and 22nd June 2010, having been approved were accordingly signed.	
	2. Panel Reports These were noted.	
18.08.10 item 1 513/21(8)	3. Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel: Jersey Development Company The Committee noted that the estimated budget in respect of the above review had been increased by £8,550.00 to allow for two additional advisers who would prepare two separate reports for the Sub-Panel.	
17.06.10 item 10 515/1(26)	4. Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel The Committee noted that the Chairman of the Economics Affairs JCRA/Jersey Post Sub-Panel had stated that she would not be taking part in any further main Panel meetings or main Panel work. The Committee queried how she could fulfil her rôle as Chairman of the Sub-Panel as she would be unable to report back to the main Panel on Sub-Panel business in accordance with the Code of Practice. The Sub-Panel had not yet met despite having tried to arrange a number of meetings which had not taken place. The Committee also noted that Chairman of the "parent" Panel had delayed the review into Harbours until the JCRA/Jersey Post Review had been completed. However, given that no meetings of that Sub-Panel had yet been held, the Chairman would consider progressing the Harbours Review and had communicated with the Scrutiny Officer in this regard.	

	<p>The Committee was advised that, in the event of neither of the above reviews being launched in the short term, that allocation of work from another Panel to one of the officers currently supporting the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel would be considered.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that the Chairman of the main Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel would communicate with the Chairman of the Sub-Panel and report back to the Committee.</p>	Chairman, EASP
514/14(8)	<p>5. Environment Scrutiny Panel: Protecting the Marine Environment (monitoring and regulation of coastal water quality)</p> <p>The Committee noted the scoping document and terms of reference for the above review.</p>	
512/8(8)	<p>6. Public Accounts Committee: Financial Report and Accounts 2009</p> <p>The Committee noted the scoping document and Terms of Reference for the above review.</p>	
510/1(54)	<p>7. Mid-year overview and overview of all scrutiny work since start of term of office 2008</p> <p>The Committee considered the above and noted that there had not yet been an official scrutiny review into the work of the Housing Department. It also noted that there had been, however, continuous reviews into one specific area of Social Security. The Committee also expressed concern about the lack of reviews into the Health Department.</p>	
<p>21.05.09 item 19</p> <p>510/1(28)</p>	<p>8. Home Life Exhibition 2010</p> <p>The Committee noted that the above exhibition would be held between 12th and 14th November (inc), and also noted that the 14th November was Remembrance Sunday.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that this event was an excellent opportunity for Panels to be seeking public views on reviews and agreed that this should be the focus for all panels and the Public Accounts Committee.</p> <p>It was also noted that this was an excellent opportunity for Members to meet the public and in this regard the stand should be manned by Members throughout.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that the officer team would take responsibility for preparation of the display and support Members as and when needed during office working hours and during the weekend where possible. At these times officers would support Members in approaching the public for their views on certain review topics but their rôle was not to represent Members. They would also take responsibility for dismantling the display.</p> <p>An estimated budget of £6,000 was approved and it was confirmed that Scrutiny representation in the form of a stand at the exhibition would proceed irrespective of any outcome of P.70/2010 as scrutiny would still be appropriate at that time and in the future.</p> <p>It was noted that Panels would be advised of necessary information</p>	KTF


	and deadlines in order to be able to plan.	
18.03.10 item7 510/3(5)	<p>9. Newsletter - edition 7</p> <p>The Committee considered whether to proceed with Edition 7 of the Scrutiny Matters newsletter given the economic climate. However, noting that the costs would be fixed at the same level as the 2009 price, it agreed to go ahead with the next edition.</p> <p>It was also agreed that it should be distributed prior to the Home Life Exhibition so that Scrutiny's attendance at that exhibition could be highlighted. Panels would also be able to advise the public of the topic areas it would be reviewing at that time in the Panel pages. It was also agreed that the newsletter should contain a section on the current economic climate and to the Committee's consideration of whether to continue with the circulation of a newsletter in this form and request views on this from the public.</p>	KTF
465/1(147)	<p>10. Bottled water: proposed move to use of tap water</p> <p>The Committee noted that the Environment Panel was supporting the Eco-active campaign in the reduction of drinking bottled water and encouraging a greater use of tap water. The intention was to introduce this in the scrutiny rooms and the States Assembly parts of the States Building and thereafter to introduce across all States Departments.</p> <p>The Committee was apprised that the issue of concern was the lack of bio-degradability of the plastic bottles rather than the condition of bottled water.</p> <p>It was also noted that the Privileges and Procedures Committee had agreed the principle of drinking tap water but did not agree to using the Eco-active bottles which that Committee believed to be unstable, difficult to clean and difficult to pour from.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that bottled water should no longer be used in the States Building (Scrutiny Rooms and States Assembly part only at this stage) on condition that all taps were fitted with filters.</p> <p>The Committee was ambivalent about the Eco carafes and noted that jugs with lids would suffice. It agreed that this would be communicated to the Environment Scrutiny Panel.</p>	
514/2(23)	<p>11. Environment Scrutiny Panel Scoping document: Bottled water.</p> <p>The Committee noted a draft scoping document for a review into the above.</p>	
17.06.10 item 16 510/3(2)	<p>12. Citizenship programme: Le Rocquier - evaluation</p> <p>The Committee noted that the session had been successful but also noted the difficulty experienced in finding Members available or willing to attend. It was noted that the programmes could not fully operate without the attendance of Members.</p> <p>It was agreed that Ministers and Executive Officers should be reminded that they did not all need to answer all the questions, nor</p>	

	<p>to speak at length. It was important for the pupils to be able to ask as many of their questions as possible. It should be the Members only answering unless specific officer support is required;</p> <p>It was agreed that advance notice would be given to members about the following sessions and Members asked to commit to attending one or more of the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Thurs 7th October 12.50-2.50 Les Quennevais Fri 8th October 9.00 - 11.30 Hautlieu Mon 11th October 9.00-11.00 JCG </p>	KTF
	<p>13. Financial Report: second quarter</p> <p>The Committee considered and accordingly noted the above.</p>	

Signed

Date:

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Senator B. Shenton
President



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