

## Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

### Record of Meeting

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Meeting Number: 61

Present	Deputy R. G. Le Hérissier, Chairman Deputy M. Tadier Deputy J. M. Macon
Apologies	Deputy T. M. Pitman, Vice-Chairman
Absent	
In attendance	Miss. S. Power, Scrutiny Officer

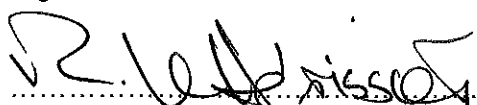
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	<b>1. Records of Meetings</b>  The records of the meetings of 4 <sup>th</sup> October, 5 <sup>th</sup> October, 6 <sup>th</sup> October, 11 <sup>th</sup> October and 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2010 were approved and signed.	
	<b>2. Matters Arising</b>  The Panel noted the status of action updates from the previous meeting on the 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2010.	
	<b>3. Chairmen's Committee</b>  The Panel noted the briefing notes from the Chairmen's Committee meeting held on 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2010.	
<b>06.10.10 item 11</b>	<b>4. Agenda Items</b>  The Panel revisited the decision made at its meeting on the 6 <sup>th</sup> October, where it had agreed that Ministerial Decisions would no longer be included as agenda items, but agendas would continue to include any relevant forthcoming propositions. The Panel agreed it wished to amend this decision, and requested for future agendas to include Ministerial Decisions, but not to include forthcoming propositions. It was noted that any legislation that was lodged that fell within the Panel's remit would require a Panel decision in terms of whether the Panel wished to review that item. It was therefore noted that it would be down to individual Panel members to draw the Panel's attention to such items of legislation.	
<b>11.10.10 item 1  516/24(8)</b>	<b>5. Cultural Strategy Review</b>  The Panel noted that the report for this review would be drafted once the report for Succession Planning within the States of Jersey Police Service had been drafted.	
<b>06.10.10 item 5  516/26(8)</b>	<b>6. Policing of Beaches and Parks Review</b>  The Panel noted that the Sub-Panel was scheduled to meet on the 19 <sup>th</sup> November to discuss the question plans for its Public Hearings, which were scheduled for 25 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> November and the 3 <sup>rd</sup> December.	
<b>06.10.10 item 6</b>	<b>7. Succession Planning within the States of Jersey Police Service Review</b>	

516/25(8)	The Panel noted that the report for this review was being drafted, and that a first draft would be provided by the 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2010. The Panel noted that the Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police Force appointment was due to be debated by the States on the 16 <sup>th</sup> November. The Panel requested access to the contract for this appointment as part of its review, in order to establish whether the contract makes provision for succession planning.	SP
06.10.10 item 7  516/19(8)	<b>8. School Suspensions Review</b>  The Panel considered a letter to the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture, in response to the Ministerial Response for this review. It was agreed that as Deputy T. Pitman was Chairman of the Sub-Panel for this review, the letter should be circulated to members for approval by email. It was agreed that all comments should be sent to the Officer by Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November, following which the letter would be sent to the Minister.	SP
	<b>9. Budget Update</b>  The Panel noted the budget report for Quarter 3 2010 and noted that as of 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2010 it had spent £3,013.30.	
	<b>10. Subsidies to fee-paying schools</b>  The Panel noted a response from the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture to its letter regarding the proposed cut in subsidies to fee-paying schools. The Panel noted that this proposal was linked to the Department's review into Secondary Education, and therefore requested the Officer to contact the Department to request when a copy of that report would be available.	SP
06.10.10 item 8  516/22(8)	<b>11. Higher Education Fees Review</b>  The Panel noted that the Department had postponed the consultation on Higher Education Fees as a result of developments in the UK. However it was agreed that a briefing with the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture would still be beneficial, and requested the Officer to arrange it accordingly.	EL
	<b>12. Old Jersey College for Girls Site</b>  The Panel noted that a member of the public had been in touch to suggest that the Panel should consider the old Jersey College for Girls site as part of its review into the Cultural Strategy. It was noted that the Panel's review into the Cultural Strategy was focused on the Cultural Strategy document, rather than specific buildings. It was further agreed that as this site was the responsibility of the Property Holdings Department, this issue fell within the remit of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel. The Panel therefore requested the Officer to contact that Panel accordingly.	EL
465/1(156)	<b>13. Debating Scrutiny Reports</b>  The Panel considered a paper from the Chairmen's Committee outlining the possible options to raise the status of Scrutiny Reports by debating them on the floor of the Assembly. The Panel noted that the Chairmen's Committee had supported Option 3 of that paper. The Panel supported that decision, subject to several amendments to the provisions outlined in Option 3. It was agreed that it should be obligatory for the Review Chairman to make a statement when a	

	Scrutiny Report was presented. Similarly, it was agreed that it should be obligatory for the relevant Minister to make a statement once the Ministerial Response had been produced. It was agreed that both statements should provide the opportunity for a 30 minute question and answer session. Finally, the Panel agreed that if the relevant Panel wished to present the report with a call for a debate, the debate should follow the normal timeframe for propositions. It was agreed that the timings as outlined in Option 2 of the Chairmen's Committee paper were not sufficient.	
<b>10.02.10 item 7  516/17(8)</b>	<b>14. Prison Board of Visitors Review</b>  The Panel noted that it had not received any further correspondence from the Minister for Home Affairs regarding the status of the recommendations made in this review. The Panel agreed it was minded to lodge a proposition calling for reforms to the Board of Visitors, as had been recommended in the Scrutiny Report. It was agreed that prior to this a letter should be sent to the Minister asking for clarification regarding which recommendations the Minister was pursuing from this review.	<b>SP</b>
	<b>15. Forthcoming Propositions</b>  The Panel noted recent forthcoming propositions lodged <i>au Greffe</i> pertinent to its remit.	
	<b>16. Questions to Ministers</b>  The Panel noted that the Chief Minister and the Minister for Home Affairs would take questions without notice at the States sitting of 16th November 2010.	
	<b>17. Future Meetings</b>  The Panel noted that its next meeting was scheduled for the 17th December 2010 at 9.30am, however it was agreed that this meeting would be rescheduled for 15 <sup>th</sup> December at 11.30am, Le Capelain Room, States Building.	

Signed

Date:



12/11/10

Chairman  
Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel