

Environment Scrutiny Panel

Thursday 19th January 2006
Meeting Room, Scrutiny Office

Present Deputy R.C. Duhamel (Chairman)
Deputy G.C.L. Baudains [Vice-Chairman]
Connétable K.A. Le Brun of St. Mary
Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier
Deputy S. Power

Apologies None

Absent None

In attendance I. Clarkson, Scrutiny Officer
M. Robbins, Scrutiny Officer

Item No	Agenda matter	Action
1	<p>Matters arising from minutes of 23rd December 2005</p> <p>Public access</p> <p>The Panel confirmed that its first public meeting should be held on the evening of Thursday 2nd February 2006 and that the meeting should be held either in the parish hall of St. Clement or St. Saviour, or at the Communicare centre in St. Brelade. It was clarified that the purpose of the meeting would be to obtain public input on the matter of potential review topics. With regard to the location of future public meetings, the Panel instructed its officers to write to all Parish Secretaries requesting details of the availability of parish halls throughout the year.</p> <p>Turning to the publication of agendas, the Panel agreed that it should subdivide agendas into Part A (open) and Part B (confidential). It further agreed that the former should be published via the States Bookshop and made available to media organizations on request.</p>	IC / MR
2	<p>Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2006, having been circulated previously, were taken as read and were signed by the Chairman.</p>	
3	<p>Matters arising from minutes of 10th January 2006</p> <p>Attendance of Senator F.E. Cohen, Minister of Planning and Environment</p> <p>The Panel recalled that an exhibition entitled 'Planet Jersey' was to be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10, 11 and 12 February, 2006 at the Royal Jersey Agricultural and Horticultural Society centre, Trinity and that it would be hosted by the Jersey Environment Forum. Deputy R.C. Duhamel advised that he had secured space for the Panel at the event and the use of a table and board for the presentation of material. It was agreed that Panel members should attend the event in rotation and that material put on display should include copies of the report on the draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law 200-, a poster outlining the purpose of Scrutiny and the terms of reference of Scrutiny Panels, and a comments book.</p> <p>With regard to the production of an environmental resource pack for</p>	IC / MR

	<p>distribution to schools, the Panel noted that a copy of the draft pack had not been made available. The Panel reaffirmed its intention to review the content of the pack with a view to scrutinizing the accuracy and objectivity of the content and it instructed its officers to repeat the request that a copy be made available as soon as possible.</p>	
4	<p>Work programme</p> <p>The Panel commenced consideration of possible topics for review in 2006.</p> <p>Deputy G.C.L. Baudains proposed reviews of the Planning process and the Building Bye-Laws 2004, as well as a further review of the draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law 200- (P.206/2005). Deputy S. Power proposed a further review of the Solid Waste Strategy with particular emphasis on recycling and waste processing technology. Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier proposed a review of the Strategic Travel and Transport Plan (P.174/2005).</p> <p>Having considered submissions in respect of each topic proposed, the Panel agreed that it would be inappropriate to carry out further reviews of the draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law and the Solid Waste Strategy in the short term. With regard to the former subject, the Panel determined that it should seek to confirm the progress made by the Minister and his department in implementing the recommendations made in the relevant Shadow Scrutiny report. Regarding the latter subject, the Panel considered that it should first establish when Deputy R.C. Duhamel would be permitted to submit a report to the Waste Strategy Steering Group on the matter of whether certain companies previously excluded from the process should be returned to the list of tenderers.</p> <p>The Panel deferred further consideration of this item to its next meeting.</p>	
5	<p>Items to note</p> <p>The Panel noted that a training session concerning work programming had been arranged for Friday 20th January 2006 in the States Building.</p>	
6	<p>Next agenda</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it should continue to consider topic proposals for inclusion in the work programme for 2006 at its next meeting.</p>	
7	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The Panel noted that the next meeting would be held at 09.30 am on Tuesday 24th January 2006 in Le Capelain Room, States Building.</p>	

Signed

Deputy R.C. Duhamel
Chairman, Environment Panel