

Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 14th February 2011

Meeting 73

Present	Deputy M.R. Higgins, Chairman Deputy C.F. Labey, Vice-Chairman Deputy J.M. Maçon Deputy D.J.A. Wimberley
Apologies	
Absent	Deputy S. Pitman
In attendance	Mr. T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer

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	1. Records of Previous Meetings The Panel approved the record of its meeting held on 24th January 2011, which was signed accordingly.	
	2. Future Meetings The Panel agreed to request the availability of the Minister Economic Development to attend a Quarterly Update Public Hearing at 10:30am on 21st March 2010 in Le Capelain Room, States Building. The Panel agreed that it would meet at 9.30am in order to begin its scheduled meeting ahead of the Hearing.	
24/01/10, Item 4 515/19(8)	3. Airport and Harbours The Panel considered and approved the Review's Terms of Reference, Scoping Document and Public Engagement checklist. The Chairman advised that in the coming days the Sub-Panel intended to access the Minutes of the former Airport & Harbours Committee for the three years preceding Ministerial Government, as background information to the Review.	Chairman
24/01/11, Item 5 515/21(8)	4. Jersey Post & Competition In the continued absence of the Sub-Panel Chairman, Deputy S. Pitman, from its meetings, and in line with its agreement at its last meeting to move to close the Sub-Panel Review, the Panel agreed that Deputy D.J.A. Wimberley would speak to Deputy M. Tadier to establish what, if any, outstanding work might require completion prior to the formal closure of the Review.	DW
	5. Membership of Deputy S. Pitman The Panel again recalled that Deputy S. Pitman had been absent from all but one of its meetings held since 23rd June 2010. It noted that Deputy S. Pitman had indicated on a number of occasions that she intended to resign from the main Panel, but to date had not done so. The Panel agreed to write to Deputy S. Pitman requesting that	

	the issue be brought to a conclusion, through confirmation of her resignation or her attendance at future meetings.	
14/12/10, Item 3 515/1(24)	<p>6. Work Programme 2011</p> <p>The Panel considered its revised draft 2011 Work Programme, which it approved in principle, noting that the final version would be subject to the impending decision to be taken regarding the future of the Jersey Post and Competition Review. If the Jersey Post Review was removed from the Work Programme, the scoping process for the Jersey Enterprise Review would begin in its place. The Panel requested that documentation previously received from the Economic Development Department regarding Jersey Enterprise should be re-circulated ahead of the possible commencement of that process.</p>	TO
	<p>7. Jersey Enterprise</p> <p>The Panel noted re-receipt of the document <i>Jersey Enterprise Scrutiny Update 2010</i> and the <i>Jersey Enterprise Revised Organisation Chart</i> from the Economic Development Department. The Panel agreed that with the imminent closure of the Jersey Post and Competition Review, it would begin background work on a Review of Jersey Enterprise. Along with the gathering of additional background information, it agreed that the topic should be included as an area of questioning for the forthcoming Quarterly Update Hearing with the Minister, the outcomes of which would help inform its Scoping Document and Terms of Reference.</p> <p>Deputy Labey advised the Panel that due to family connections she would need to consider further whether she may have a conflict of interest that would require her to opt out of the Review.</p>	TO
	<p>8. Ombudsman</p> <p>The Panel was informed by the Chairman that, on 1st February 2011, he and Deputy J. M. Maçon had attended the briefing offered to the Panel by the Economic Development Department and its Ombudsman consultant regarding the principles of the draft scheme, ahead of imminent industry consultation. The Chairman informed the Panel that the briefing had been highly informative, and the Panel agreed that the Department should be notified of its appreciation for the briefing.</p>	
	<p>9. Topic Proposal – Licensing legislation and the impact of the current economic climate on pubs in Jersey</p> <p>The Panel noted the Review topic proposal received from the Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel. It had itself received the suggestion from a member of the public, and had agreed that it should be passed to the Economic Affairs Panel as it was an area that appeared better suited to its remit.</p> <p>The Panel considered the topic and concluded that, due to the large number of issues that would need to be covered by such a Review, it would be better undertaken by a cross-cutting Sub-Panel. It agreed that the most appropriate parent Panel would be Education and Home Affairs, given the prominence of police, cultural and licensing issues. It agreed to notify the Education and Home Affairs Panel of the outcome of its discussions.</p>	

10. Quarterly Update Hearing

The Panel agreed to the following list of topic areas to be covered at the Quarterly Update Public Hearing with the Minister Economic Development on 21st March 2011:

- CSR – to include a request for the most up to date papers from the Department ahead of the Hearing to assist preparation of questions
- Jersey Enterprise
- Tourism PPP – to include an update on the current position
- Lifeguards service
- Intellectual Property – to include an outline of the next steps
- Gambling
- The Night-time Economy
- Rural Economy Strategy – including an update on the progress made adopting the Sub-Panel's recommendations

Signed

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Chairman,
Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel