

Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 4th February 2013
Meeting No: 27

Present	Deputy J. M. Maçon, Chairman Connétable M. P. S. Le Troquer, Vice Chairman
In attendance	M. Haden, Scrutiny Officer
Absent	Deputy M. Tadier

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	<p>1. Minutes</p> <p>The Minutes of the meetings held on 14th January 2013 were approved and signed.</p>	
<p>Item 3 17.12.12 516/1(44)</p>	<p>2. Work programme 2013: Education, Sport and Culture issues</p> <p>The Panel received notes of the informal briefing held with the Minister for Education Sport and Culture on 31st January 2013 and considered the matters shown below, which had been included in its indicative work programme for 2013.</p> <p>Having reviewed the discussion with the Minister, members noted that there were no planned Scrutiny reviews relating to Education, Sport and Culture in the short term.</p> <p>Members agreed that it would be appropriate to review the implementation of the recommendations in the reports of the previous Scrutiny Panel, as recommended by the Chairmen's Committee.</p>	MH
516/1(44)	<p>3. Draft Sports Strategy:</p> <p>Members noted that a Green Paper on the Minister's draft Sports Strategy was due to be published for public consultation later in February. The Panel agreed that it would be appropriate to undertake a review of the Minister's proposals at the White Paper stage, having considered the outcome of this consultation.</p>	
<p>Item 5 12.03.12 516/1(51)</p>	<p>4. Draft Youth Service Strategy:</p> <p>Members noted that the production of this strategy had been put on hold. Following a year of reorganisation and negotiation of new partnership agreements, the Service had not had the capacity to produce a new Strategy. Members requested a new target date from the Department for this piece of work.</p>	
<p>Item 3 17.12.12 516/1(51)</p>	<p>5. Skills Strategy: new apprenticeship scheme</p> <p>Members agreed to receive a presentation on the new scheme at Easter time.</p>	
<p>Item 6 14.01.13 516/1(44)</p>	<p>6. Higher Education funding:</p> <p>Members noted that the Department was in discussion with the Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding the introduction of tax allowances and other fiscal measures relating to the grant system.</p>	

	These changes would be considered as part of the planned future review of higher education funding.	
Item 4 17.12.12 516/1(44)	7. Future of Education: The Panel noted that the Minister was committed to an in-depth review of the structure of secondary education, with a major review of the strengths and weaknesses of the current system to be undertaken later in 2013 to pave the way for a Green paper in 2014.	
Item 3 17.12.12 516/1(44)	8. Raising Standards in Education: The Panel recalled that this planned review had been deferred until the recently commissioned reviews of core subjects had been completed. The review was expected to commence towards the end of the year.	
Item 7 14.01.13 516/1(44)	9. Unlawful Public Entertainment (Jersey) Regulations 201- The Panel considered a briefing paper prepared by the Scrutiny Officer on the scope of a possible review of the Bailiff's functions with regard to the licensing and control of public entertainment. The Panel also received the Bailiff's Chief Officer for a briefing on the current operations of the Bailiff's advisory panel on public entertainment. Members noted that it would be necessary to obtain legal advice on the potential complexities of the new primary legislation that would be required in the event of establishing a new statutory body to regulate public entertainment. Members also noted that it might be useful to visit other jurisdictions, such as Guernsey or a local authority in the UK to investigate how public entertainment is regulated. Having noted Deputy Tadier's interest in this matter, members agreed to request him to act as rapporteur. The Scrutiny Officer was requested to prepare a scoping document to be presented to the Chairmen's Committee.	
Item 5 14.01.13 516/34	10. Prison Service: Treatment of prisoners with emotional or mental health problems The Panel received notes of the hearing with Advocate Fogarty dated 14th January 2013. The Panel agreed to a request from Health and Social Services to a further hearing on the issues raised by Advocate Fogarty, to take place on 4th March 2013. The Panel agreed to a request by both Health and Social Services and the Data Protection Commissioner to redact from the transcript the names of individuals referred to by Advocate Fogarty in the hearing. Members requested an opportunity to discuss this request with the Data Protection Commissioner, given that details of these cases was already in the public domain through written judgments of the Royal Court.	
	11. Next Panel Meeting - Monday 4th March 2013.	