

Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 12th January 2011

Meeting Number: 62

Present	Deputy R. G. Le Hérissier, Chairman Deputy T. M. Pitman, Vice-Chairman (from Item 9) Deputy M. Tadier Deputy J. M. Macon
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mrs E Liddiard, Scrutiny Officer


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	1. Record of Meeting The record of the meeting of 15 th November 2010 was approved and signed.	
	2. Matters Arising The Panel noted the status of action updates from the previous meeting on the 15 th November 2010.	
15.11.10 item 5 516/24(8)	3. Cultural Strategy Review The Panel met on 11 th January 2011 to discuss report progress and expect to have the next draft for discussion in two weeks.	MH
15.11.10 item 6 516/26(8)	4. Policing of Beaches and Parks Review The Sub-Panel Chairman updated the Panel on review progress. The Chairman was pleased with evidence collected so far and confident that the Sub-Panel would have specific key findings and recommendations to include in its report. There were a few outstanding public hearings that would be held shortly and the review remained on track to report by the end of March 2011.	
15.11.10 item 7 516/25(8)	5. Succession Planning within the States of Jersey Police Service Review The Panel noted that the report for this review was now drafted but further progress would be made once the Cultural Strategy report was completed. The Panel requested a letter to be drafted to request access to the Chief of Police contract again in order to establish whether the contract made provision for succession planning.	MH
15.11.10 item 8 516/19(8)	6. School Suspensions Review As discussed at the last Panel meeting the Sub-Panel agreed the content of a letter to the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture, by email, in response to the Ministerial Response for this review. The Minister responded in December to inform the Sub-Panel that the Department was reviewing the Sub-Panel's comments and recommendations with a view to issuing an updated version of the suspensions policy early in 2011. The Minister was also considering	

	points raised in the Sub-Panel's letter and would respond shortly.	
08.09.10	7. Political Education Review	
Item 3 516/23(8)	The Panel discussed the response received from the Privileges and Procedures Committee (PPC) to the recommendation made in the Political Education report for the committee to oversee the setting up of States sites on both Facebook and Twitter. The Panel agreed for the Officer to request for a representative from the Panel to attend the next PPC meeting in order to talk through the issues raised by them.	EL
15.11.10	8. Prison Board of Visitors Review	
Item 14 516/17(8)	The Panel discussed the letter sent to the Minister for Home Affairs on 1 st December requesting for an update on progress with the recommendations made in the Prison Board of Visitors Report (SR7/2009). The Panel agreed, having had no response from the Minister, to send a second letter containing a proposed proposition for the reform of the Prison Board of Visitors as suggested in the report and invite comment from the Minister. The Panel requested for the Officer to draft the letter with Deputy Tadier's contribution.	EL/MT
	9. Annual Work Programme	
	The Panel discussed its draft 2011 work programme containing outstanding work carried forward from 2010. The Panel agreed that in light of a briefing from the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture and his Department and the recently received 2011 business plan from the Minister for Home Affairs, it would table further discussion of its work programme for the next Panel meeting. The Panel further agreed not to progress with the review of Surveillance as it was not a priority at this time.	EL
	The Panel was also mindful that this was an election year and the work programme would need to reflect this.	
	10. 2011 Meeting Dates	
	The Panel agreed the schedule of proposed 2011 meeting dates. Deputy Maçon further agreed to inform the Officer of any clashes with the Planning Committee dates. The Panel requested the Officer to arrange its first bi-annual briefing with the Minister for Home Affairs for the next scheduled Panel meeting.	JM EL
	11. GST Exemptions for Educational Establishments	
	The Panel noted views expressed by a member of the public in relation to the effect of a GST increase on St Brelade's college and the suggestion that it should be added to the group of colleges granted an exemption under the Group 7 clause.	
	The Panel requested the Officer to draft a letter to the Treasurer of the States to ask his position and whether the correspondence highlighted any inconsistencies.	EL
	12. Ministerial Decisions	
	The Panel noted receipt of recent Ministerial Decisions pertinent to its remit.	
	13. Future Meetings	
	The Panel noted that its next meeting was scheduled for the 9th	

	February 2011 at 9.30am, Le Capelain Room, States Building.	
	14. Additional Signatories on Propositions Deputy Tadier requested that the Panel discuss the proposition to bring forward an amendment to Standing Orders to require a proposition for debate lodged by a member of the States in his or her own right to be endorsed and countersigned by seven other members. The Panel requested the Officer to draft a comment indicating that the Panel was not in favour of the proposition.	EL
	15. IQ Deputy Tadier requested for the Panel to receive a briefing from a member of the public who was interested in looking at optimizing of computers in schools. The Panel agreed for the Officer to invite the member of the public to a Panel meeting to brief them on this subject.	EL
	16. Haute de la Garenne Enquiry Deputy Tadier further requested for the Panel to discuss and endorse the proposal for the Panel or combined Panels to request an independent enquiry into the Haute de la Garenne investigation now that it had been completed. Deputy Le Hérissier agreed to take this subject to the Chairmen's Committee and requested Deputy Tadier investigate the proposal further as well.	RleH/ MT

Signed

Date:



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Chairman

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