

Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 14th January 2016

Present	Deputy L. M. C. Doublet, Chairman Deputy J. M. Maçon, Vice-Chairman Deputy S. Y. Mezec
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr M. Robbins, Scrutiny Officer. Ms C. Tomlinson, Scrutiny Officer.

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	1. Records of Meetings The minutes of the meetings held on 7th December 2015 were approved for signing.	
Item 2 07.12.15	2. Conflicts of Interest There were no conflicts of interest declared.	
516/1/1(6)	3. Building a Safer Society Having discussed the document, the Panel agreed that a question on Freedom For Life should be tabled for the next quarterly public hearing with the Minister for Home Affairs. Other than that, this item was deferred to the next meeting to allow Members to consider it in more depth.	MR
Item 5 07.12.15 516/1/1(6)	4. Education Quarterly Public Hearing Matters of interest to the Panel were discussed with a view to providing sufficient detail for a question plan to be created. A meeting was arranged for Monday 1st February to discuss the issues.	MR
Item 1 11.01.16 516/1/1(3)	5. Police Operational Model It was agreed that the briefing recently received from the Police was focused on operational issues, which the Panel considered were outside the remit of the Panel. Further consideration was to be given to how the Panel could add value to the Policing provision in Jersey, for discussion at a future meeting.	MR
Item 11 07.12.15 516/43	6. Prison Board of Visitors The Panel noted the responses from the Chief Minister and the Minister for Home Affairs. It considered that this review had achieved everything it set out to do because the Prison Board of Visitors was to be reconstituted as suggested within the Panel's recommendations.	SM/MR
Item 5 04.12.14 516/1/1(1)	7. Work Programme The Panel considered Religious Education in schools and agreed that the current Religious Education curriculum was suitable. However, the Panel was concerned with compulsory worship in schools and requested	

	<p>a scoping document be prepared in order that it could consider whether a review would be needed.</p> <p>It was agreed that Constable M.P.S. Le Troquer was to be invited to assist the Panel should this review be undertaken.</p> <p>Other areas of interest to the Panel included:</p> <p>Self-harming in schools Maintenance of standards at the Prison Higher Education funding Personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) curriculum. Rehabilitation of prisoners. Training and retention of Teachers. Fourteen plus transfer Sixth form provision</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>MR</p>
<p>Item 1 14.12.15 516/44</p>	<p>8. School Starting Age</p> <p>Arrangements for visits to schools were approved for 25th January 2016, as was a public meeting that evening to be held at St Paul's Centre. The Panel agreed that although that evening meeting made for a long day, it allowed best use of the time that the Panel's advisor was in Jersey. A press release relating to the evening meeting was discussed and the Chairman tasked with the final approval. The evening meeting was to be published on 'Twitter'. It was agreed that a public hearing on 21st March was to be held to discuss the school starting age review.</p>	<p>MR</p>
	<p>9. Future Meetings</p> <p>The next meeting was scheduled for 9.30am on Monday 15th February 2016 in the Blampied Room.</p>	<p>MR</p>