

## Environment Scrutiny Panel

Thursday 16th March 2006  
Le Capelain Room, States Building  
9th Meeting

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

Apologies

Absent

In attendance I. Clarkson, Scrutiny Officer

Item (Ref Back)	Agenda matter	Action
1	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2006, having been circulated previously, were taken as read and were confirmed. Connétable K.A. Le Brun and Deputy S. Power were not present for this item.</p>	None
2 (07.03.06 Item 5)	<p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <p>Deputy R.C. Duhamel advised that he had met with Mr. C. Bright, Editor of the Jersey Evening Post newspaper and had discussed possible options for improved coverage of the work undertaken by Panels. A full report was to be made to the Chairmen's Committee on Friday 24th March 2006. Connétable K.A. Le Brun and Deputy S. Power were not present for this item.</p>	RD
3 (07.03.06 Item 7)	<p><b>Draft Strategic Plan 2006 – 2011</b></p> <p>The Panel considered the draft Strategic Plan 2006 – 2011, together with an accompanying report, prepared by the Scrutiny Office. A significant number of concerns and observations were made by the Panel regarding the introductory sections of the Plan and also in connexion with draft Commitments 1 – 4. It was agreed that the Panel should reconvene on Tuesday 21st March 2006 to finalize its views on the draft Strategic Plan. In the intervening period, the Panel instructed its officers to produce a draft briefing paper in advance of that meeting summarizing the views already expressed.</p>	IC
4 (07.03.06 Item 4)	<p><b>Work programme – Design of Homes (Room Sizes and Parking)</b></p> <p>Deputy S. Power informed the Panel that he had met with officers on Wednesday 15th March to review the progress he had made in scoping the review subject. He advised that he had arranged to meet with the Minister for Planning and Environment on Monday 20th March 2006. In addition he had refined the proposed work programme for the review and he intended to recommend to the review working group that placement in the local media of a call for evidence should be delayed until the end of April 2006, in order that members had sufficient time to conduct background research. Finally, Deputy Power reported that there was a general</p>	

	<p>lack of readily available statistics concerning the amount of buildings constructed over the last three years at or near minimum standards of room size.</p> <p>A discussion followed regarding appropriate working practices for lead members and their individual working groups. It was agreed that lead members should refrain from operating unilaterally and that other members of their working groups should be given an active rôle in progressing individual reviews. The Panel Chairman was to be given advance notice of any activities undertaken by working groups that involved public or media engagement and existing procedures concerning expenditure against the Panel's budget, whereby any expenditure by working groups was to be authorized in advance by the Panel Chairman, were to continue.</p> <p>Deputy S. Power undertook to call a meeting of the Design of Homes Working Group in early course and to advise other members of the outcome of his forthcoming meeting with the Minister for Planning and the Environment.</p>	<p>IC / MR</p> <p>SP</p>
<p>5 (07.03.06 Item 5)</p>	<p><b>Work Programme – Planning Process</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that the revised advertisement in the Jersey Evening Post calling for written submissions had cost £346 for placement on 3 occasions (run of paper). It was intended that the third and final advertisement would appear in the JEP on Monday 27th March 2006.</p> <p>Deputy G.C.L. Baudains reported that he intended to write to a selection of companies and organizations with an interest in the planning process inviting them to make a written submission. A draft letter, together with a proposed circulation list, was to be approved by the appropriate working group members and copied to the Chairman for endorsement.</p> <p>The Panel noted the position.</p>	
<p>6 (07.03.06 Item 6)</p>	<p><b>Work programme – Waste</b></p> <p>Deputy R.C. Duhamel advised the Panel that he had instructed the Scrutiny Office to obtain relevant data from a number of sources. Particular requests made to the Department had included –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) a breakdown of the components of the waste stream in residential and commercial collections on a parish to parish basis,</li> <li>b) a breakdown of the components of the waste stream in residential and commercial collections delivered to Bellozanne,</li> <li>c) documentation relating to the assessment workshop at which possible locations for new waste units were assessed,</li> <li>d) the Terms of Reference/ Specification requirement for any expression of interest for a Composting Facility that the Department has issued, and</li> <li>e) a list of the companies that had registered an expression of interest.</li> </ul> <p>It was clarified that, where necessary, the information might be provided under a confidentiality clause.</p> <p>On a related matter, the Panel noted that on 14th March 2006 Deputy R.C. Duhamel had elected to propose that the States defer a debate on a proposition lodged 'au Greffe' by Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire, entitled 'Composting Facilities' (P.258/2005</p>	

	<p>refers). The States had adopted the proposition made by Deputy R.C. Duhamel, having been advised by Deputy Duhamel that the Panel wished to 'look into statements that [had] been made' in Comments presented to the States by Ministers regarding P.258/2005. On the matter of commencing work on P.258/2005, Deputy Duhamel advised the Panel that the necessary investigations would be completed as part of the existing waste recycling review and that he would, in due course, consider whether the existing terms of reference for the review should be revised to accommodate the additional work.</p> <p>The Panel noted the position.</p>	
7	<p><b>Time and date of next meeting</b></p> <p>The Panel confirmed that it would hold a continuation meeting at 11.00 am on Tuesday 21st March 2006 in Le Capelain Room, States Building, to finalize its report on the Draft Strategic Plan 2006 – 2011 and to consider the remaining items on its agenda.</p>	IC

Signed

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Chairman, Environment Panel

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