

Chairmen's Committee

Record of Meeting

Date: 17th December 2013

Present	Deputy T.A. Vallois, President Deputy S.G. Luce, Vice-President Senator S.C. Ferguson Deputy J.A. Hilton, Acting Chairman, HSSH Deputy J.H. Young Deputy M. Tadier (Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel)
Apologies	Deputy J.M. Maçon, Deputy K.L. Moore
Absent	
In attendance	Mrs. K. Tremellen-Frost, Scrutiny Manager

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	1. Minutes of previous meetings The records of the meetings held on 12th, 13th, 15th and 18th November 2013 were approved and signed accordingly.	
510/1(74)	2. Remit of Scrutiny Panels It was agreed that, in order to balance the workload of the HSSH Panel, a proposition would be drafted to transfer Housing to the Environment Scrutiny Panel to be implemented in time for the next term of office.	KTF
	3. Chairmen's Committee: powers The Committee reconsidered its existing powers as set out in Standing Order 143 and agreed that they should remain as is.	
511/1(2)	4. Chairmen's Committee: constitution The Committee considered whether it was appropriate for the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee to sit on the Chairmen's Committee given the different function of PAC to that of the Scrutiny Panels. It was agreed that there were great benefits for the Chairman of PAC serving on the Committee and that the constitution should remain as at present.	
510/1(86)	5. Procedures and Protocols It was agreed that the Procedures and Protocols which were created at the start of this term of office should be reconsidered early during 2014 with a view to considering whether they should be made mandatory for scrutiny in the future.	KTF
510/1(5)	6. Codes of Practice The Committee agreed to the principle of redrafting the Code of Practice for Scrutiny Panels and the PAC and to receiving a paper in respect of an outline for a revised Code in the New Year. It was noted that the President had requested the Executive to prepare a Code of Practice for the Council of Ministers in the future and this was	KTF

	supported by the Chairmen's Committee. It also agreed that the Code for Ministers should be approved by the Council of Ministers and not by the States, that the Code for Scrutiny and PAC should be approved by the Chairmen's Committee and that there should be a Code between the Chief Minister and the Chairmen's Committee in respect of interaction between the Executive and Scrutiny.	
510/1(87)	<p>7. Ad-hoc Review Panels (Task and Finish Groups)</p> <p>The Committee, in trying to identify a more flexible structure for Scrutiny and a means of involving more non-Executive Members, agreed to explore in greater detail the possibility of establishing "Task and Finish Groups" (nomenclature to be decided). This would permit the Chairmen's Committee to establish a group of non-Executive Members (be they Panel Members or not) without the requirement for the Chairman to be drawn from a parent Panel. This review group would be constituted to undertake a review into a specific subject in the same manner as a Sub-Panel does in the existing system. It was believed that this would remove the constraints of forming Sub-Panels for cross-cutting issues which existed at present. The matter would be considered more closely in 2014.</p>	KTF
510/1(71)	<p>8. Legislative Scrutiny</p> <p>It was agreed that, in moving to any revised system, it should be incumbent on Ministers and Departments to provide scrutiny with legislation in a timely fashion and to factor in an agreed minimum amount of time for a review of legislation to be undertaken. It also agreed that the Executive must in future allow a significant period of time after debating policy before bringing related legislation to the States for debate so that the legislation could be reviewed.</p>	
	<p>6. Panel Activity Reports</p> <p>These were taken as read.</p>	
	<p>8. Future meetings</p> <p>The Committee noted the following meeting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairmen's Committee meeting --14th January 2014, 9.30am - 11.30am, Le Capelain Room 	