

# Public Accounts Committee

## Record of Meeting

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Present	Deputy A. Lewis, Chairman Connétable C.H. Taylor Deputy S.M. Wickenden Mr R.J. Parker Mr G. Drinkwater
Apologies	Deputy J.A. Martin Mr M Robinson
Absent	
In attendance	Mrs K. McConnell, Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) Ms C. Tomlinson, Scrutiny Officer

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	<b>1. Apologies</b>  Apologies were received from Deputy J.A. Martin and Mr Robinson.	<b>AL</b>
	<b>2. Minutes</b>  The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2016.	<b>CT</b>
	<b>3. Declarations of Interest</b>  Mr Parker agreed to not review certain documentation relating to the Travel and Accommodation review, namely that held by HRG.	<b>CT</b>
	<b>4. CIPFA Report</b>  The Committee noted the CIPFA report dated March 2016, reviewing the Council of Ministers' Impact Assessments for the Medium Term Financial Plan. It noted that although the report was within the remit of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel, it had been informative in relation to the reviews currently being carried out by the PAC. It also agreed to make enquiries as to whether an Officer from CIPFA could be available to discuss matters of interest to the PAC at a future date.	<b>CT</b>
	<b>5. Quarterly Meetings with Chief Minister</b>  The Committee noted that the Chairman would reinstate quarterly meetings with the Chief Minister on dates to be confirmed. It was noted that the Chief Executive had expressed an interest at being present at those meetings.	<b>CT</b>
	<b>6. Next meeting</b>	

	The Committee noted its next meeting would be on 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 12:30 and that its Scrutiny Officer would be covered by a colleague on that date.	CT
512/28	<p><b>7. Financial Management</b></p> <p>The Committee noted that the draft background report was subject to a peer review process and would be with the Committee at its next meeting. However the PAC Officer reminded the Committee that it could forward suggestions for the recommendations which would be incorporated into the body of the report.</p>	CT
	<p><b>8. JT – States as Shareholder</b></p> <p>The Committee noted draft Terms of Reference for a possible review on Jersey Telecoms and the States’ role as Shareholder, however it agreed that it would be better to await the Comptroller and Auditor General’s report on Arms’ Length Organisations (ALOs).</p>	CT
512/30	<p><b>9. Travel and Accommodation Expenses Review</b></p> <p>The Committee noted a large bundle of information received from the Chief Executive in relation to its Review. It agreed that before deciding on who to call as witnesses for its next hearing, it should have time to review the information to date and to request that which had not been forthcoming, including internal audit reports on travel and accommodation expenditure. It also agreed it should await the outcome of the Treasury’s own review into travel and accommodation expenditure as well as potential contraventions of Financial Direction 5.7 before arranging another public hearing.</p>	CT
512/29	<p><b>10. Fuel Farm Lease</b></p> <p>The Committee considered a Question plan for the public hearing on the renewal of the Fuel Farm lease, and agreed certain minor amendments. It further noted that that the Scrutiny Officer and the Vice Chairman had attended the Treasury to view email correspondence leading up to the renewal of the fuel farm lease, but that the Chief Executive had yet to sign off the documentation retrieved. It was also noted the Scrutiny Officer would organise a further session to view documents and the Committee agreed it should urge the Chief Executive to release the documentation without further delay.</p>	CT
512/27	<p><b>11. Public Sector Reform</b></p> <p>The Committee noted a progress report of Public Sector Reform issued by the Council of Ministers, however it considered that it did not detail the schedule for the necessary changes to take place.</p>	CT
QE Article 37 515/1/1(1)	<p><b>12. C&amp;AG – Jersey Audit Office Audit Plan</b></p> <p>The C&amp;AG presented a brief confidential update on the progress made.</p>	
QE Article 37	<p><b>13. C&amp;AG – Compromise Agreements and e-Gov</b></p>	CT

<b>515/1/1(1)</b>	The C&AG presented a follow up report on Compromise Agreements (published 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2016) and a briefing of eGov, which was embargoed until its publication on 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2016. The Scrutiny Officer was asked to request comments from the Chief Executive and Treasurer, once both reports were made public and there had been sufficient time to consider the recommendations.	
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