

# Chairmen's Committee

## Record of Meeting

Date: 18th October 2016

Present	Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré, President and Chairman, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel Deputy R. Renouf, Chairman, Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel (From Item 4) Deputy S.M. Brée, Chairman, Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel Deputy D. Johnson, Chairman, Environment, Housing and Technical Services Scrutiny Panel Deputy T.A. Vallois, Vice-Chairman, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel
Apologies	Deputy L.M.C. Doublet, Vice-President and Chairman, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel Deputy A.D. Lewis, Chairman, Public Accounts Committee
Absent	
In attendance	Miss G. Cardwell, Internet and Intranet Manager, Information Services (Item 3)  Mr M. Egan, Greffier of the States (Item 4)  Mr T. Oldham, Scrutiny Manager Mr A. Harris, Scrutiny Officer (Items 1-3 in part)

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	<b>1. Records of meetings</b>  The Committee approved the records of its meetings held on 20th and 27th September 2016, which were accordingly signed by the President.	
<b>20.09.16 Item 2</b>	<b>2. Activity Reports</b>  The Committee noted Panel and PAC activity reports.	
<b>06.07.16 Item 8</b>	<b>3. Scrutiny Website</b>  The Committee welcomed the Internet and Intranet Manager, Information Services who provided a briefing on the project to upgrade the States Assembly/Scrutiny website. It was agreed that a similar update briefing would be provided at an appropriate stage of the project. This would be in addition to proposed workshops with the site's users, including States Members, which would be organised in order to test the prototype site once it had been designed.	<b>TO</b>
<b>20.09.16 Item 4</b>	<b>4. Panel Names and Remits</b>  The Committee further considered its draft amendments to the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey and States of Jersey (Powers, Privileges and Immunities) Regulations. It welcomed the Greffier of the States, who provided advice in relation to the draft	

	<p>proposal for greater protection from civil or criminal prosecution to be provided to persons or organisations named within evidence submitted to Scrutiny Panels and the PAC. The Committee's core objective in this area was to rectify an apparent anomaly, as those persons or organisations named in evidence were not afforded the same privilege and immunities as those submitting evidence by the aforementioned Regulations.</p> <p>In addition to the above matter, the Greffier identified a number of wider concerns about the way in which parliamentary privilege was codified in Jersey in respect of the Assembly's Committees/Panels. As a result of the advice received, it was agreed that the matters identified by the Greffier should most appropriately be referred to PPC for further consideration, and that the Committee would defer any further work on the associated proposals whilst PPC established what, if any, action it might take.</p> <p>Further explanation of the Committee's work and its position on the matters raised would also, if required, be provided directly to PPC by its representative (the Chairman of the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel).</p> <p>It was agreed that Propositions to introduce the ability for Panels to place witnesses on oath when giving evidence in person, and to amend Standing Orders in respect of the remits of the Corporate Services and Economic Affairs Panels, should continue to be progressed.</p>	<p>TO</p> <p>SB</p> <p>TO</p>
<p><b>20.09.16 Item 5</b></p>	<p><b>5. Protocol for Engagement between Scrutiny Panels/PAC and the Executive</b></p> <p>The Committee recalled that the draft Protocol had been forwarded to the Council of Ministers by the President, and noted that a response was awaited.</p>	
<p><b>20.09.16 Item 6</b></p> <p><b>511/2/1</b></p>	<p><b>6. Residential Property Transactions Review Panel</b></p> <p>Deputy D. Johnson, Chairman of the Review Panel, updated the Committee about the progress of the Review. The Panel continued to aim to complete evidence gathering over the coming weeks and present its report in November, mindful in particular of associated resource challenges and the protracted timeframe of the Review.</p>	
	<p><b>7. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The Committee noted that its next meeting was scheduled to take place on 22nd November at 9.30am, Le Capelain Room, States Building.</p> <p>The Committee's meeting dates for 2017 were agreed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24th January</li> <li>• 28th February</li> <li>• 21st March</li> <li>• 25th April</li> <li>• 16th May</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 13th June</li><li>• 11th July</li><li>• 19th September</li><li>• 17th October</li><li>• 21st November</li></ul>	
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