

Public Accounts Committee Record of Meeting

Date: 18 December 2017

Present	Connétable C.H. Taylor (Chairman) Mr R. Parker Mr M. Robinson
Apologies	Deputy J.A. Martin (Vice-Chairman) Deputy M. Tadier
In attendance	Mr S Warren, Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General (DC&AG) Mr J. Williams, Director, Business Change (eGov) (Item 2 only) Ms Nadia Lopes, Service Design Officer (Item 2 only) Mr Ed Williams, Chief Architect (Item 2 only) C. Tomlinson, PAC Officer Mr M. Robbins, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p>1. Apologies and Minutes</p> <p>Apologies were received from the Vice-Chairman and from Deputy Tadier. Members agreed that it should continue with the meeting, despite being inquorate, and would ratify any decisions made by electronic minutes at a later date (subject to approval of the absent Members) and to sign the minutes at its next meeting.</p>	
27.11.17 Item 1 512/32	<p>2. eGov Presentation</p> <p>The Committee received Mr J. Williams, Ms N. Lopes, and Mr E Williams. The eGov team presented an update of the website portal for customer access to records and data, and answered questions from the members in respect of security measures and progress on the programme.</p>	
27.11.17 Item 2 512/1(8)	<p>3. C&AG - Audit Plan update</p> <p>The Committee received a verbal update from the DC&AG, and noted that two reports would be published early in 2018, namely 'Governance of Police' and Governance of Health and Social Services'. It further noted the C&AG's plans to provide a revised written audit plan in January 2018.</p>	
27.11.17 Item 2 512/1(8)	<p>4. C&AG Affiliate – Future Hospital: Decision Making</p> <p>The Committee agreed to welcome Ann Trudgeon, C&AG Affiliate, to its meeting on 15 January, to aid its discussion of the C&AG's Report, 'Future Hospital: Decision Making.' It agreed it would be more helpful to prepare a question plan on overarching</p>	CT

	<p>topics of particular interest ((subject to approval of the absent Members), such as business cases, use of consultants and corporate decision making, and not debate the specifics of the siting or funding of the future hospital.</p> <p>The Committee noted that the Executive Response to the C&AG's report was expected by 8 January 2018.</p>	
27.11.17 Item 2 512/1(8)	<p>5. C&AG Report – Grants and Subsidies</p> <p>The Committee noted that Executive Response had been requested from the Treasury and Resources Department, and was expected by 25 January 2018.</p>	
	<p>6. Recurring Themes – new PAC Review</p> <p>The Committee noted that the Terms of Reference and Scoping document were to be considered by the Chairmen's Committee at its next meeting. It agreed that (subject to approval of the absent Members) most of the research for the review could be conducted via email, which would free up the short time available between now and the elections in May 2018. It further agreed to invite Charlie Parker, the new Chief Executive, to its meeting on 29 January 2018, to hear its concerns about the lack of progress on implementation of recommendations by the C&AG and the PAC, and to seek his thoughts on how progress can be achieved.</p>	CT
	<p>7. 'Abortive Costs' - Report and Proposition</p> <p>The Committee recalled that following the receipt of the C&AG's report on 'Future Hospital: Decision Making', it had decided to prepare a Report and Proposition on the need to report 'abortive costs' of projects to the States Assembly. The Committee heard a verbal update from its Officer on progress made in this regard. Treasury Officers had been contacted and initial advice received. Preliminary research would commence shortly with jurisdictions of a similar size and constitutional make-up to Jersey. The Committee agreed to consider a draft, prior to it being sent to the Law Officers' Department, at a PAC meeting in January 2018.</p>	CT
27.11.17 Item 1 512/32	<p>8. eGov Review - Report</p> <p>The Committee received a paper from the Scrutiny Officer regarding the delay in producing a draft follow-up report. The Committee agreed (subject to approval of the absent Members) the proposed timetable, including 12 January 2018 as the date for receiving a draft for consideration, and 30 January as the publication date. It noted that the relatively short deadlines for consideration of the report would involve weekend reading for members.</p>	MR
12.10.17 Item 8 512/1(8)	<p>9. Jersey Innovation Fund Review – Report</p> <p>The Committee received a paper from the Scrutiny Officer regarding the delay in producing a further draft report. The</p>	

512/31	Committee agreed (subject to approval of the absent Members) the proposed timetable, including 5 January 2018 as the date for receiving a draft for consideration, and 23 January as the publication date. It noted that the relatively short deadlines for consideration of the report would involve weekend reading for members.	MR
12.10.17 Item 10 512/34	10. Road Surfacing Review – Report The Committee received a verbal update from the Scrutiny Officer in respect of progress made on this review. The Officer advised that he had not requested, or received any further updates. In light of the other PAC work to be completed, the Committee agreed, subject to approval of the absent Members, that the review should not be pursued, although the Officer was requested to present the findings to date in a short paper for the Committee’s consideration.	MR
	11. Funding of Jersey Fire and Rescue Service The Committee noted that the Chairman, in his capacity as a ‘backbencher’ had posed questions in the States Assembly regarding the funding of the Fire and Rescue Service in maintaining sea rescue. The Committee noted the service was being funded by Ports of Jersey and agreed it did not wish to follow up with a review into the matter.	
	12. Date of next meeting The Committee agreed (subject to approval of the absent Members) to meet at 1.30 pm on 15 January 2018.	

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