

Chairmen's Committee

Record of Meeting

Date: 24.02.11
Meeting No: 70

Present	Senator B. E. Shenton, President Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier, Vice-President Senator S.C. Ferguson Deputy G. P. Southern Deputy M.R. Higgins Deputy D. Wimberley (as representative of the Environment Scrutiny Panel)
Apologies	Deputy P.J. Rondel
Absent	
In attendance	Mr T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer Mrs E Liddiard, Scrutiny Officer Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer (item 3 only) Ms M. Pardoe, Public Accounts Committee Officer (item 3 only)

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	1. Minutes The minutes of 27 th January 2011 were approved and signed.	
	2. Panel Reports The Committee noted the Panel activity reports for the previous month.	
513/23(8)	3. Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel: Fiscal Stimulus follow up The Chairman indicated that the Panel planned to take another look at the fiscal stimulus program. However, this follow up was pending further development with the review of Migration.	
27.01.11 item 4 515/19 (8)	4. Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel: Review of Jersey Airport A scoping document and terms of reference for the Review of Jersey Airport were noted by the Committee.	
515/22(8)	5. Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel: Review of E-Gaming A scoping document and terms of reference for the Review of E-Gaming were noted by the Committee.	
27.01.11 Item 9 510/1(58)	6. Annual Report Deputy Le Hérisier requested the Officer to make changes to the Appendix in respect of member involvement in reviews. Deputy Le Hérisier also noted that the report did not highlight the qualitative issues surrounding Scrutiny such as the issue raised at the last committee meeting that Departments are undertaking so	EL

	<p>many internal reviews that it has made selecting topics for Scrutiny Panels very difficult.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to insert Chairmen's Committee comments after the President's Comment to raise these issues. The Committee further agreed to discuss the content for these comments at its meeting of Friday 4th March 2011.</p>	KLF
<p>27.01.11 item 14</p> <p>510/3(7)</p>	<p>7. Public Engagement</p> <p>The Committee welcomed Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer and Ms. M. Pardoe, Public Accounts Committee Officer to the meeting for this item.</p> <p>Mr W. Millow talked through the draft public engagement checklist to be used whilst scoping for a review. The Committee was informed that this was currently being trialled with the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel in its review into Jersey Airport. The checklist would be included at scoping stage for all Panels when new reviews started. It was also noted that Scrutiny Officers would take ownership of the checklist.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that a date should be set for a presentation on Social Networking and suggested holding it on two separate States lunch breaks for one hour.</p> <p>The Committee further requested that Twitter be included in the training. The Committee was keen that Scrutiny should look to using Twitter as another form of public engagement.</p>	<p>KTF</p> <p>KTF</p>
<p>511/1(42)</p>	<p>8. Business Cards</p> <p>The Committee agreed that business cards should be produced and distributed to all States Members at the start of their States term. It was suggested that the cards should not be specific to the role of the Member, either in Scrutiny or a Ministry to increase the cards longevity.</p> <p>The Committee requested that this be put to the Privileges and Procedures Committee.</p> <p>It was noted that Senator Ferguson dissented from the decision to provide business cards.</p>	KTF
<p>27.01.11 item 12</p> <p>510/3(5)</p>	<p>9. Scrutiny Matters newsletter</p> <p>The Committee noted the dates for production of Edition 8 of Scrutiny Matters.</p>	
<p>27.01.11 items 10/11</p> <p>465/1(156) 511/1(41)</p>	<p>10. Progress update from the Privileges and Procedure Committee (PPC) meeting</p> <p>Deputy Higgins informed the Committee that PPC had considered its letter with regard to raising the profile of scrutiny reports and the appointment of members from Scrutiny/Public Accounts Committee to Executive positions and would be sending a response in due course.</p>	
<p>511/1(43)</p>	<p>11. Future of Scrutiny</p> <p>The Committee discussed the value, if any, of attending meetings with the Council of Ministers together with the effectiveness of</p>	

	Scrutiny in light of the perceived barriers it faced. The Committee agreed that it should meet to examine the issues and possible solutions before taking any action. It was further agreed that this should be considered at its meeting of 4th March 2011.	KTF
1444/1(55)	<p>12. States Strategic Plan: Annual debate on progress</p> <p>The Committee agreed to draft Comments on P27/2011: States Strategic Plan: Annual Debate, and requested for it to be tabled at the Committee's next meeting on Friday 4th March 2011.</p> <p>The Committee requested the Officer to circulate Guernsey's strategic plan (Sustainable Guernsey) to all members of the Committee in advance of its next meeting.</p>	KTF TO/EL
510/1(3)	<p>13. Future training for new Members</p> <p>The Committee requested an update on the planning of new member training after the elections. The Committee agreed that this training should be followed up with mid-term training as well.</p>	KTF
	<p>16. Date of next meeting</p> <p>It was noted that the date of the next meeting was scheduled for 24th March 2011, 12.00 – 1.45pm followed by a joint meeting with the Council of Ministers at 2.00pm.</p>	

Signed

Date:

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 Senator B. Shenton
 President



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