

Public Accounts Committee

Record of Meeting

Date: 7th March 2016

Present	Deputy A.D. Lewis, Chairman Deputy S.M. Wickenden, Vice-Chairman Connétable C.H. Taylor (from Item 4) Deputy J.A. Martin Deputy S.M. Wickenden Mr. R.J. Parker
Apologies	Mr. G. Drinkwater, Mr M Robinson
Absent	
In attendance	Mrs. K. McConnell, Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) Ms. C. Tomlinson, Scrutiny Officer to the Public Accounts Committee

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	1. Apologies Apologies were received from Mr. G. Drinkwater and Mr. M. Robinson. The Chairman agreed to query availability of Mr. Drinkwater at future meetings.	AL
	2. Minutes The Committee approved the minutes of the meetings held on 11th January, 1st and 8th February, and 29th February, 2016.	
	3. Declarations of Interest At the request of the Vice-Chairman, the Committee asked the Officer to investigate whether being a member of the Waste Charges Oversight Group would be a conflict of interest. Deputy J.A. Martin also asked for clarification in relation to potential future reviews into P.73/2010 and small grants.	CT
	4. PAC /Scrutiny training The Committee agreed it would be willing to engage in training and benchmarking its activities against other comparable jurisdictions such as Scotland and Northern Ireland/Eire and requested the Officer to make arrangements. It also agreed to meet with the National Audit Office Director of Parliamentary Relations on 1st July in Jersey to discuss topics of mutual interest.	CT
	5. Scrutiny Protocol The Committee noted the protocol and background document relating to the wording of the protocol and agreed that it would wish to feed back to the Chairmen's Committee the following comments: Under the heading "Scrutiny Reviews – process and access to information", there should be reference made to the quality, accuracy and relevance of information requested. It also agreed to recommend the utilisation of Jurats as citizens capable	CT

	of undertaking roles similar to that which would be expected of Standards' Commissioners.	
512/28	<p>6. Financial Management</p> <p>The Committee agreed follow up letters should be sent to the witnesses heard at the Public Hearings, requesting information they had agreed to present. Having noted the Treasury's project plan to implement the recommendations made by the C&AG, it also agreed the Department should be asked to provide evidence of its implementation.</p>	CT
512/1/1(6)	<p>7. Procurement</p> <p>The Committee noted a further response from the Treasury, dated 29th February 2016, attaching the Procurement Strategy. It noted the contents and that the C&AG would follow up the response.</p>	C&AG
	<p>8. Future potential review topics</p> <p>The Committee noted three potential review topics, namely P.73 Property and infrastructure regeneration, Financial Direction 5.7 Travel and Accommodation expenditure of States Officers, and R.73 Financial Report 2014 (Small Grants under £100k). It agreed to postpone any review into the latter as the C&AG would be reporting on large and small grants later in the year. It requested the Officer to prepare more detailed scoping documents on the first two items and agreed to send comments via email.</p>	CT
AE Article 37 512/1/1(6)	<p>9. C&AG – Financial Management (II) Follow up report</p> <p>The C&AG presented a brief confidential update on her plans to follow up the R.38/2015 report.</p>	
QE Article 37 512/1/1(6)	<p>10. C&AG – Jersey Audit Office Audit Plan</p> <p>The C&AG presented a brief confidential update on the progress made. She advised that her report on Freedom of Information was due to be published shortly, then she would be turning her attention to other matters such as eGov.</p>	
QE Article 37 512/1/1(6)	<p>11. C&AG – Arms' Length Organisations.</p> <p>The C&AG presented a brief confidential update and project specification on ALOs.</p>	