

Chairmen's Committee

Record of Meeting

Date: 26th January 2016

Present	Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré, President and Chairman, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel Deputy L.M.C. Doublet, Vice-President and Chairman, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel Deputy S.M. Brée, Chairman, Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel Deputy R. Renouf, Chairman, Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel Deputy D. Johnson, Chairman, Environment, Housing and Technical Services Scrutiny Panel Deputy S.M. Wickenden, Vice-Chairman, Public Accounts Committee
Apologies	Deputy A.D. Lewis, Chairman, Public Accounts Committee
Absent	
In attendance	Mr T. Oldham, Scrutiny Manager

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	1. Records of meetings The Committee approved the records of its meetings held on 8th and 15th December 2015 and 12th January 2016, which were signed accordingly by the President.	
08.12.15 Item 2	2. Activity Reports The Committee noted Panel and Public Accounts Committee activity reports.	
08.12.15 Item 3	3. Privileges and Procedures Committee: update The Committee considered a briefing paper on the deliberations of the Privileges and Procedures Committee.	
08.12.15 Item 4 510/1(5)	4. Protocol for Engagement between Scrutiny Panels and the Executive The Committee considered the draft Protocol for Engagement between Scrutiny Panels and the Executive, agreeing minor amendments as discussed. It was agreed that the revised draft would be circulated to the Committee for further consideration at a meeting to be held on 10th February 2016. Confirmation would also be sought from the Law Draftsman and Greffier as to the suitability of the use of the term 'Executive'. The Committee also discussed possible actions that might be available to Chairmen in the event of an infringement of the Protocol. It was agreed that a list of such steps would be further developed by the President in liaison with the Vice-President, Deputy R. Renouf and Deputy D. Johnson. It was noted that such steps might be included in the forthcoming Scrutiny Proceedings Code of Practice. Further consideration would be given to the matter at the meeting scheduled for 10th February.	TO JLF/LD /RR

<p>510/1(83)</p>	<p>5. Panel Names and Remits</p> <p>Noting the implementation of the <i>States of Jersey (Transfer of Functions No. 8) (Miscellaneous Transfers) (Jersey) Regulations 2015</i>, the Committee considered the potential requirement for it to update Panel remits and names to more accurately reflect new Executive responsibilities and titles.</p> <p>It considered whether such changes would in particular be required in relation to public, stakeholder and media engagement with Scrutiny, in order to provide Panels with clear and easily recognised identities. It further discussed whether updating remits and names would also assist 'internally', by providing clarity about individual Panel responsibilities and helping to ensure that the framework for Scrutiny was appropriately organised following the Executive changes.</p> <p>It was agreed that all Panels would be requested to consider the matter, in order to provide feedback to the Committee to help inform its decisions. Panels would be asked to provide feedback ahead of the Committee's meeting scheduled for 1st March 2016.</p>	<p>All/TO</p>
<p>08.12.15 Item 5</p> <p>510/3(9)</p>	<p>6. Use of social media</p> <p>The Committee noted that progress had been made to establish a 'Jersey States Assembly' Facebook page, which would include content from Scrutiny Panels. The page was due be launched in the near future.</p>	<p>TO</p>
<p>08.12.15 Item 6</p> <p>511/2/1</p>	<p>7. Residential Property Transactions Review Panel</p> <p>The Committee noted that scoping of a proposed Review Panel by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee was ongoing.</p>	<p>AL/TO</p>
<p>19.05.15 Item 11</p> <p>510/1(3)</p>	<p>8. Training</p> <p>Training undertaken by Scrutiny Members during the previous year was considered by the Committee, with a view to informing identification of future training opportunities. It was agreed that Panels would also be requested to consider the matter individually, in order for feedback to be provided to the Committee by all Scrutiny Members ahead of its meeting scheduled for 1st March 2016.</p>	<p>All/TO</p>
<p>07.07.19 Item 7</p> <p>511/1(42)</p>	<p>9. Business Cards</p> <p>The Vice-President, Deputy S.M. Brée, and Deputy D. Johnson requested business cards, as per arrangements approved in 2015.</p>	<p>TO</p>
<p>15.09.15 Item 7</p> <p>510/1(64)</p>	<p>10.Blackberries/Mobile Devices</p> <p>The Committee requested that the agreement reached in 2015 on the options for Chairmen of Scrutiny Panels to be afforded parity with Ministers in regard of access to mobile devices (and/or assistance with associated costs) in carrying out their roles, should be re-circulated for information.</p>	<p>TO</p>
	<p>11. Future Meetings</p> <p>It was noted that the Committee's forthcoming meetings were scheduled as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Term Vision briefing – 4th February, 2pm, Le Capelain Room 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrutiny Protocol – 10th February, 2pm, Le Capelain Room• Full scheduled meeting - 1st March, 9.30am, Le Capelain Room.	
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