Health, Social Security and Housing Scrutiny Panel

Review of Social Housing Waiting Lists

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 19th July 2011

Present	Deputy G.P. Southern, Chairman Connétable D.W. Mezbourian, Vice-Chairman Connétable S.A. Yates Deputy D.J. de Sousa
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer

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05/07/11	1. Records of Meetings	
517/17(8)	The Panel approved the record of its meeting held on 5th July 2011. The record was signed accordingly. 2. Report	
517/17(8)	The Panel considered its draft report, noting that it had been circulated by e-mail prior to the meeting.	
	Consideration was given to the consultation undertaken by the Department of Housing with the Parishes during development of the Affordable Housing Gateway. The Panel recalled that the current Assistant Minister for Housing, Connétable G.F. Butcher, had been appointed to work on coordinating the Parishes' own waiting lists. The Scrutiny Officer was requested to confirm this fact and to determine what progress, if any, had been made in that work. The Panel noted that six Parishes had responded to its own request for information and the Scrutiny Officer was therefore requested to follow up matters with the remaining six Parishes.	WM
	The Panel noted the advice it had received from the Department of Housing that the Affordable Housing Gateway could, in theory, eventually be used by private landlords. The Panel requested the Scrutiny Officer to ascertain what consultation the Department had undertaken with private landlords.	WM
	Consideration was given to the overall purpose of the report. It was noted that the Panel would have difficulty in reaching firm conclusions, given that the Department's White Paper on the Housing Transformation Programme would not be published until September 2011. It was agreed that the Panel should therefore aim in its report to highlight action points for the Minister for Housing and the subsequent Health, Social Security and Housing Scrutiny Panel. It was agreed to amend the draft report accordingly.	WM

Signed:	Date:		
Chairman, Health, Social Security and Housing Scrutiny Panel			