Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 10th October 2016

Present	Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré, Chairman Deputy S.M. Brée, Vice-Chairman Deputy K.C. Lewis Connétable C.H. Taylor
Apologies	
In attendance	Mr S. Spottiswoode, Scrutiny Officer

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	1. Records of Meetings The Panel approved the records of its meetings held on 8th, 22nd, 24th,31st August, 2nd, 5th, 6th, 8th, 12th, 15th, 19th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd	
Item 3 08/08/16 513/46	 September 2016. The Chairman signed them accordingly. 2. Jersey International Finance Centre (JIFC) The Panel noted receipt of a letter from the States of Jersey Development Company (SOJDC) regarding information sought by the Panel in relation to current and projected costs of Building 4 of the Jersey International Finance Centre. It was noted that SOJDC had advised that the information was confidential in nature and it was not able to disclose the material voluntarily as it would be in breach of contractual obligations. However, it was proposed that the parties inform the Privileges and Procedures Committee (PPC) of the circumstances of the request with a view to PPC adding the information to its order dated 10/5/2016. The Panel requested that the Officer prepare a draft letter to SOJDC noting the proposal together with a draft letter to PPC. The Panel noted receipt of a first draft of its report and agreed that it should work towards the publication of the report without further delay. The Panel agreed to meet on 19th October to discuss its detailed comments on the draft report. It was agreed that should the further information requested from SOJDC be forthcoming, any findings arising therefrom could be published as an addendum to the report in due course. 3. Draft Budget Statement 2017 	SS
513/51	The Panel discussed the selection of advisors to assist with its review of the draft Budget Statement 2017. It was noted that CIPFA and MJO Consulting had recently advised the Panel with regards to the MTFP Addition and might be best placed to provide advice on the Budget. However, the Officer was asked to scope alternative options either for this review or for use in the future.	SS

It was agreed that the decision on whether an advisor was necessary and the extent of the advice required would be taken once the Budget had been published. The Officer was asked to amend the budget for the review to reflect this.	
The draft scoping document for the review was considered and approved by the Panel subject to the change to the budget section.	
4. States of Jersey Development Company	
The Panel received information from the Department for Treasury and Resources in relation to the College Gardens Development being undertaken by the States of Jersey Development Company.	
It was agreed to request further clarification on the following:	
The bond relating to the first time buyers schemeThe land value of the development	
5. Ministerial Decisions	
The Panel noted the recent Ministerial Decisions and confirmed no further action was required.	
6. Question Plan	
The Panel discussed its draft question plan for the forthcoming quarterly public hearing with the Minister for External Relations and the Officer was asked to circulate an updated version. The Panel agreed to meet separately on 13th October 2016 to discuss the question plan in more detail	
7. Panel membership	
It was agreed that the Chairman would approach Senator S.C. Ferguson and invite her to join the Panel.	
8. Future Meetings	
The Panel confirmed its next scheduled meeting would take place on 31st October 2016 at 9.30am.	