

Environment Scrutiny Panel

Thursday 7th March 2006
Le Capelain Room
8th Meeting

Present Deputy R.C. Duhamel (Chairman)
Deputy G.C.L. Baudains (Vice Chairman)
Connétable K. A. Le Brun of St Mary
Deputy Le Hérissier
Deputy S. Power

Apologies

Absent

In attendance I. Clarkson, Scrutiny Officer
M. Robbins, Scrutiny Officer
K. Tremellen-Frost, Scrutiny Manager

Item (Ref Back)	Agenda matter	Action
1	<p>Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 2006, having been circulated previously, were taken as read and were confirmed.</p>	None
2 (16.02.06 item 9) (16.02.06 item 10)	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>It was confirmed that a letter to Mr Le Corre, the Secretary for the Jersey Taxi Drivers Association had been drafted and signed by the Chairman. The letter to Senator Legrand, Monsieur le Président du Conseil Général de la Manche in relation to information relating to deep ground water had been drafted and was in the process of being translated.</p>	MR
3	<p>Public Meeting</p> <p>The Panel reviewed feedback received in relation to the Public meeting held at St John's Parish Hall on Thursday 2nd March 2006. It was noted that there were both positive and negative comments, the most notable objection being that the advertisement for the event should have been in the Gazette section of the Jersey Evening Post.</p>	
4 (16.02.06 Item 7)	<p>Work programme – Design of New Homes (Room Sizes and Parking)</p> <p>On the matter of progressing the review, Deputy S. Power requested the Panel allow him to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Advise the public of the review by engaging the media as he felt appropriate. b) Arrange the scope, size and timescale of the review to be completed at the end of May or beginning of June. c).Have meetings with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator F.E. Cohen, Minister for Planning and Environment. • Mr. P. Thorne, Director of Planning. • Planning Applications Panel. <p>The Panel considered the media matter and concluded that the</p>	

	<p>lead member should draft a press release and have it signed off by the rest of the Panel. The Panel decided to hold a press conference at 4.00 pm on Thursday 9th March 2006 in Le Capelain Room, States Building, at which the lead members would explain their reviews. The Panel also agreed that Deputy S. Power should arrange to meet with the Minister for Planning and Environment, the Planning Applications Panel and the Director of Planning in early course.</p> <p>The Panel discussed obtaining statistics related to the amount of buildings constructed over the last three years at or near minimum standards of room size. It directed its officers to contact the Statistics Unit and establish whether the Unit held any relevant data.</p>	<p>MR/IC</p> <p>MR/IC</p> <p>MR/IC</p>
<p>5 (16.02.06 Item 6)</p>	<p>Work Programme – Planning Process</p> <p>The Panel considered a draft advertisement for placement in the Jersey Evening Post calling for written submissions concerning the Planning Process Review. It considered that the cost of the advert, at an estimated £706 for 3 nights, was excessive. Moreover, it concluded that the proposed content was less than concise and lacking in impact. The Panel delegated authority to Deputy G.C.L. Baudains to liaise with officers and secure placement of a revised advertisement incorporating the recommendations made by Panel members.</p> <p>On a related matter, Deputy R.C. Duhamel advised the Panel that he would be making an approach to the Editor of the Jersey Evening Post newspaper in order to discuss options for improving the cost effectiveness and coordination of advert placement across the Panels. Outcomes from the proposed meeting would be reported to the Chairmen’s Committee in due course.</p> <p>The Panel was informed that the Planning and Building (Jersey) Law 2002 – Appointed Day Act was due to be lodged ‘au Greffe’ in the second quarter of 2006. The Panel concluded that the terms of reference for the planning process review should remain unaffected by this development.</p>	
<p>6 (16.02.06 item 5)</p>	<p>Work programme – Waste</p> <p>The Panel agreed the Terms of Reference for the review as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To quantify the composition of waste within the residential and commercial collections. 2. To investigate the practicality and cost implications of re-using or recycling in excess of 32% from the waste stream. 3. To investigate European and International markets for recycled goods and recyclable materials. 4. To examine existing technology for the treatment of food waste with the green waste in a composting facility. 5. To examine systems/policies to encourage the public to play a more active role in recycling. 	

	<p>The Chairman informed the Panel that he had attended a meeting of the Comité des Connétables and had explained the review. He had received an excellent reception and helpful responses. In addition, details of the kerb side collection scheme being launched by the Parish of St John had been disclosed.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that work needed to be undertaken on the budget of the review.</p>	RD / MR
7	<p>States of Jersey Draft Strategic Plan 2006 - 2011</p> <p>The Panel recalled that it had a responsibility to review those sections of the Draft Strategic Plan 2006 - 2011 that fell within the Panel's remit. It decided to hold a meeting in private session at 09.30 on Wednesday 15th March 2006 in Le Capelain Room, States Building in order to discuss the content of, and its response to, the document.</p>	PANEL/MR/IC
8. (7.02.06 item 3)	<p>Web Site</p> <p>The Panel considered a report, prepared by the Scrutiny Office, concerning a draft specification for, and evaluation of, the Scrutiny Web site.</p> <p>The Panel endorsed the report and agreed that it should be circulated to the other Scrutiny Panels and the Public Accounts Committee for comment, pending progression of the matter by the Chairmen's Committee.</p>	IC / MR
9. (16.02.06 item 10)	<p>Draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law 200-</p> <p>Deputies R.C. Duhamel and G.C.L. Baudains advised the Panel that they had continued to receive oral updates from both Senator F.E. Cohen, Planning and Environment Minister and from the Director of Environment regarding the ongoing work of the Deep Groundwater Advisory Group.</p> <p>The Panel noted the position and agreed to continue monitoring developments.</p>	MR / IC
10.	<p>Items to note</p> <p>The Panel noted the draft States of Jersey (Powers, Privileges and Immunities) (Scrutiny Panels, PAC and PPC) (Jersey) Regulations 200- (Projet P.15/2006) and that the Social Affairs Panel had requested an anomaly be given further consideration. This was being progressed by the Greffier of the States.</p>	
11.	<p>Time and date of next meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 15th March 2006 in Le Capelain Room, States Building at 9.30 am ,.</p>	

Signed

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Chairman, Environment Panel

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