

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC SESSION

Record of Meeting

Date: 2nd September 2009
Meeting 43

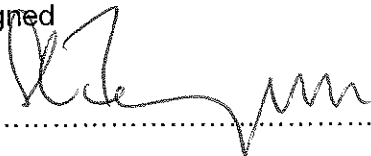
Present	Senator S.C. Ferguson, Chairman Connétable D.J. Murphy Deputy T.A. Vallois
Apologies	Deputy C.H. Egré, Vice-Chairman
Absent	
In attendance	Mr. M. Robbins, Scrutiny Officer Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p>1. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The Panel approved the records of its meetings on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 24th June 2009 [Private Session] b) 2nd July 2009 c) 7th July 2009 d) 8th July 2009 e) 13th July 2009 f) 16th July 2009 g) 21st July 2009 h) 22nd July 2009 i) 28th July 2009 j) 30th July 2009 <p>The approved Minutes were signed by the Chairman.</p>	
	<p>2. Matters Arising</p> <p>The Panel noted the update on actions it had requested at previous meetings.</p>	
08/07/09 Item 7	<p>3. Finance Sub-Panel</p> <p>The Panel noted that the Forecasting of Expenditure Review had not been progressed since the last meeting as recent focus had been on reviews with pressing time restraints.</p>	
08/07/09 Item 8	<p>4. Migration and Population Sub-Panel</p> <p>The Panel received an update on the work of the Migration and Population Sub-Panel as of 26th August 2009. It was noted that the Sub-Panel's next meeting 3rd September 2009 clashed with a briefing on the Annual Business Plan. As there were no pressing matters, the meeting of the Sub-Panel was cancelled.</p>	
06/08/09 Item 1	<p>5. Jersey Development Company Sub-Panel</p> <p>The Panel received an update on the work of the Jersey Development Company Sub-Panel as of 26th August 2009.</p>	

	<p>The Panel discussed various pockets of undeveloped land which came within the remit of the Waterfront Enterprise Board and required a list of such areas of land to be obtained along with the plans relating thereto.</p> <p>The Panel noted the Sub-Panel had held Public Hearings on 20th and 25th August 2009 and that its report was due to have been drafted by the agreed deadline of the beginning of October 2009. The Panel was advised that a budgetary update from Bruton Knowles was due to be received and that expenditure to date was within budget.</p>	DM
30/08/09 Item 1	<p>6. Annual Business Plan</p> <p>The Panel discussed a draft of the Annual Business Plan Review report and made some revisions. It noted that a meeting was to take place between the Minister for Treasury and Resources and the Chairman to discuss the particular problems with reconciling the business plans one year against the next. The result of this meeting would formulate the final section of the report.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to meet at 1000 hours on Monday 7th September 2009 to review the final draft.</p>	MR MR
	<p>7. Overseas Aid.</p> <p>The Panel requested the circulation of <i>Review of Jersey's Overseas Aid</i> (SR11/2007) in preparation for the intended Public Hearing with the Chairman of the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission. It was decided that the Hearing was to be arranged for Wednesday 28th October 2009.</p>	WM /MR
	<p>8. Ministerial Responses and Scrutiny Follow-up.</p> <p>The Panel noted a proposal was to be taken to the Chairmen's Committee at its next meeting, following the subject of Ministerial Responses to Scrutiny Reports having been raised in the public forum, in a private capacity, by Deputy T.A. Vallois.</p> <p>The following process was to be proposed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Officers place recommendations and Ministerial responses onto a document with space for expected area of responsibility, implementation date and completion date. 2. At the scoping stage, the Panel tasks one Member to follow up the implementation of a particular review, which will be at political level with officer support. 3. The Member reports back to the Panel as required or quarterly as considered appropriate until the implementation of all responses is completed to the satisfaction of the Panel. <p>The Panel supported this system, as it seemed to offer the required follow-up.</p>	
	<p>9. Television Licences</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of correspondence from a member of the public and discussed the content. It accepted that there were aspects of Television Licence funding which might need examination and</p>	MR /WM

	<p>requested some enquiries to establish more about the problems. This was to be after the completion of the Annual Business Plan Report.</p> <p>There was a requirement for a letter to the Health, Social Security and Housing Scrutiny Panel to advise them of the further issues contained within the correspondence that did not fall within the remit of the Corporate Services Panel. A further letter was to be sent to the correspondent explaining what was to be done.</p>	MR / WM
	<p>10. Forthcoming Propositions.</p> <p>The Panel discussed and noted forthcoming propositions.</p>	
27/07/09 Item 3	<p>11. Ministerial Decisions</p> <p>The Panel discussed and noted Ministerial decisions up to 26th August 2009.</p> <p>The Panel made particular note of MD-TR-2009-0130, Fiscal Stimulus Plan: Treasury and Resources Budget Allocation. It recognised that the ongoing decision-making process needed further scrutiny. The review previously completed for the Economic Stimulus Plan was to be re-established as soon as the Annual Business Plan Report was completed. The Advisor used in the first part of the review was to be invited to continue the work on the same terms. The administrative issues of the contract with him were to be examined and resolved.</p>	MR /WM
	<p>12. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted it would next meet at 9:30am on Wednesday 16th September 2009</p>	

Signed



Date:

30/09/09

Chairman, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

