

Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 15th January 2014

Meeting No: 77

Present	Deputy S.G. Luce, Chairman Connétable S.W. Pallett, Vice-Chairman Connétable M.J. Paddock Connétable J.E. Le Maistre (Items 5, 10 and 11, and Item 6 in part)
Apologies	
In attendance	Connétable P.J. Rondel (Item 6) Senior Assistant Law Draftsman (Item 6) Assistant Director, Marine Resources (Item 6) Marine and Coastal Manager (Item 6) Mr. T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer Mrs E. Turner, Scrutiny Officer

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	1. Record of Meeting The records of the Panel's meetings held on 18th December 2013 and 7th January 2014 were approved by the Panel.	
18/12/13 Item 2 515/28	2. Digital Skills The Sub-panel Chairman updated the Panel about recent Review work, notably regarding the progress being made with regard to written submissions. The Sub-panel would be meeting later that day to evaluate evidence received to date and to establish next steps.	
18/12/13 Item 3 515/26	3. Jersey Innovation Fund The Panel noted arrangements for an update briefing with the Chairman of the Jersey Innovation Fund on 29th January 2014.	
07/01/14 Item 1 515/31	4. Ports of Jersey Incorporation The Panel noted a file note circulated by the Ports of Jersey of the meeting attended by the Panel at Jersey Airport on 7th January 2014, and associated background documents. The Panel agreed that it remained concerned by delays in relation to key aspects of the Ports of Jersey's incorporation programme, raising significant questions about the ability of the Minister for Economic Development to deliver the incorporation project within the current timeframe. It also agreed that the documents that had been supplied to date were not of the substantive nature that had been requested or required, and that the Economic Development Department should be reminded of the agreement previously made in this area.	TO
18/12/13 Item 6 515/29	5. Retail Sector Review The Panel noted the progress that was being made in relation to its Review timetable, and received updated Review files to include a	

	number of recently received written submissions. It agreed to follow up outstanding responses to written submission requests, further to which consideration would be given to the arrangement of Public Hearings.	TO
18/12/13 Item 7 515/1(29)	<p>6. Draft Aquatic Resources (Jersey) Law 201-</p> <p>The Panel received a joint briefing with the Environment Scrutiny Panel from Officers of the Law Draftsman's Office and Economic Development and Environment Departments, regarding the Draft Aquatic Resources (Jersey) Law 201-.</p> <p>The Panels requested receipt of the amendment relating to the 'appropriate scale' principle for Environmental Impact Assessment's at the earliest opportunity in advance of lodging, once it had been re-drafted as agreed. It further agreed that the draft amendment relating to loose vracic would not now be required to address its concerns in this area, if the Minister agreed that a clear statement explaining that there would be no change to non-commercial collection rights as a result of this Law, and no intention to change them through Regulations, was instead included in the report accompanying the Proposition.</p> <p>The Panel also requested a written update outlining the timetable for any planned Regulations. This information would help inform the drafting of a Comments paper, which would represent the conclusion of Scrutiny's work on the draft Law itself, with the Regulations to be examined for potential Review as and when developed in the future.</p>	TO TO
18/12/13 Item 9 515/24	<p>7. Financial Services Ombudsman</p> <p>The Panel recalled the revised timetable from the Economic Development Department for the States debate of the draft Financial Services Ombudsman (Jersey) Law 201- and associated Regulations. With the imminent lodging of the draft Law, it was agreed that, as far as possible prior to receipt of the legislation, the Panel would seek to secure the services of an expert adviser for its Review.</p>	TO/ET
30/10/13 Item 10 515/1(24)	<p>8. Work Programme</p> <p>Consideration was given to the Panel's current and planned Work Programme. It was agreed that a number of topics that were not the subject of live Reviews would be followed up at the forthcoming Quarterly Public Hearing. To assist preparation, it was agreed that updated work stream documents would be requested from the Economic Development Department and Finance Industry Development Office.</p>	
	<p>9. Alcohol and Licensing Strategy</p> <p>The Alcohol and Licensing Strategy consultation documents were received by the Panel. It was noted that the Executive lead for the strategy was now held by the Chief Minister's Department, as a result of which the Chairmen's Committee had recently agreed that it would be most appropriate for lead responsibility for its possible scrutiny to rest with the Corporate Services Panel.</p>	
25/06/13 Item 4	<p>10. Quarterly Public Hearing</p> <p>The Panel agreed to request the attendance of the Minister for Economic Development at a Quarterly Public Hearing on the morning</p>	

515/1(24)	of 13th February, 2014, with a number of suitable topics having been identified.	TO
	<p>11. Future meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted that its next meeting was scheduled for 9.30am in the Blampied Room, States Building, on 12th February 2014.</p>	