

Environment Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 12th May 2011

Meeting Number: 35

Present	Deputy P Rondel (Chairman) (PR) Deputy D Wimberley (Vice Chairman) (DW) (Item 3 onwards) Deputy S Power (SP)
In attendance	M Orbell, Scrutiny Officer

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13.01.11 Item 3 514/18(8)	<p>1. Speed limits</p> <p>Members discussed the outcomes of a recent meeting with the Minister for Transport and Technical Services (19th April), at which it was stated that no further action would be taken by the department on an overall policy change at this time owing to resource implications. The Panel considered that the perceived poor quality of the policy proposition (P.167/2010) may have reflected a lack of commitment on the part of the department. The Panel expressed its appreciation to the Scrutiny Officer for the excellent quality of its report (S.R.4/2011), noting that other States Members had also made positive comments in this regard.</p>	MO
13.01.11 Item 4 514/15(8)	<p>2. Island Plan</p> <p>A further two days of public meetings with the independent Inspectors had been announced to respond to changes to the previous draft. It was noted that this was consistent with the process originally proposed by the Minister for Planning and Environment and therefore no comment was required from the Panel at this stage. Any need for further Panel input would be considered once the meetings had been completed.</p>	MO
10.12.10 Item 6 514/1(18)	<p>3. Bus contract</p> <p>The Panel received an oral update following an officer meeting at the Transport and Technical Services Department to discuss possibilities for reviewing the new bus contract. It was noted that timing was particularly awkward for a public Scrutiny process by the current Panel, as the department was about to embark on the first part of a complex two-stage tendering process during which commercial confidentiality would be extremely important. This phase would continue until approximately October 2011; a better opportunity for a Scrutiny review would arise in spring 2012. It was agreed that the Panel would take up the offer of a presentation on the progress of the contract and the Scrutiny Officer was asked to liaise with the department to make arrangements for this.</p>	MO
13.01.11 Item 2 514/14(8)	<p>4. Protecting our Marine Environment</p> <p>Members received hard copies of the adviser's first draft report. It was noted that this was not yet complete; however the draft appeared to be thorough and well-balanced. There was considered to be potential for some strengthening of recommendations. It was also agreed to</p>	

	<p>request a small amount of additional work to follow up occasional water quality issues at Bonne Nuit and the latest information regarding historic pollution of ground water by fire-fighting chemicals from the airport. It was noted that a further visit by the adviser to meet with department officers could take place in early June.</p> <p>Members discussed the possibility of inviting departments and stakeholders to a joint meeting once the draft report was complete. It was agreed to seek the adviser's views as he would necessarily have a leading rôle in such a meeting.</p> <p>The Scrutiny Officer was asked to draft a letter on behalf of the Panel to H.M. Attorney General.</p>	<p>MO</p> <p>MO</p> <p>MO</p>
	<p>5. Matters for Information</p> <p>Forthcoming Meetings: Next scheduled Panel meeting: Blampied Room, Thurs 16th June at 8.30am.</p>	

Signed



Chairman, Environment Panel

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