

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: **25th October 2007**

Meeting Number: **50**

Present	Deputy P J D Ryan, Chairman Connétable J L S Gallichan (Item 4 onwards) Connétable D Murphy Deputy C Egré (Items 1-3 only)
Apologies	
In attendance	Deputy R Le Hérisssier (Items 1-3 only) Deputy J Martin (Part of Item 4 only) Miss S Power, Scrutiny Officer

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1.	Minutes - The Panel approved the minutes of the 17 th , 20 th and the 25 th September and the 8 th October 2007.	
2. Item 1 25.09.07 Item 14 17.09.07	Matters arising – a. Panel Membership – The Panel welcomed Deputy Le Hérisssier to its meeting. It was noted that at the States sitting on the 6 th November, Deputy Le Hérisssier would be nominated as the fifth member of the Panel. The Panel further appointed Deputy Egré as its Vice-Chairman. b. Chamber of Commerce Luncheon – It was noted that it would be beneficial for representatives from the Panel to attend the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on the 21 st November, as the topic area under discussion was “Tax and spending: is the balance right?” It was agreed that Deputies Ryan and Egré should represent the Panel, and requested for the Scrutiny Officer to make the necessary arrangements. c. Private Pension Provision – The Panel noted that the 2008 Budget included provisions for private pensions on the Island. The Panel delegated responsibility to Connétable Murphy to look at these provisions in more detail, and report back to the Panel at the next meeting.	SP DM
3. Item 4 25.09.07	States Annual Business Plan and Budget 2008 – a. The Panel approved the final draft of its report on the States Business Plan process, to be considered by the Chairmen’s Committee at its meeting on the 2 nd November. b. The Panel noted the draft Budget proposals that had been lodged by the Minister for Treasury and Resources on the 23 rd October. It was further noted that Deputy Reed wished to discuss the Panel’s response to the draft Budget proposals, and the Panel requested for a meeting to be arranged with Deputy Reed as soon as possible. c. The Panel agreed to defer arranging a meeting with the	SP

	Minister for Treasury and Resources to discuss the States financial forecasts until the meeting had been held with Deputy Reed.	
4. Item 6 17.09.07	<p>Property Holdings Department –</p> <p>It was noted that a meeting had been arranged between the new Director of the Property Holdings Department, and representatives of the Panel. However, as a result of confusion surrounding the arrangements for this meeting, it had not taken place. The Panel requested for the Scrutiny Officer to contact the Property Holdings Department and rearrange this meeting as soon as possible.</p>	SP
5.	<p>Meeting with the Chief Minister –</p> <p>The Panel welcomed Senator F.H. Walker, Chief Minister; Mr W. Ogley, Chief Executive; and Mrs J. Marshall, Scrutiny Liaison Officer, to its meeting to discuss the following issues from the six monthly progress report on Strategic Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer Services Centre • Migration Policy • Study to identify public services that might be provided by the private sector <p>The following issues that did not feature in the six monthly progress report were also discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of the Corporate Management Board • Jersey Enterprise Board • Jersey's Overseas Aid 	
6.	<p>Confidential papers to be considered at future meetings –</p> <p>The Panel requested for the following papers to be placed on the agenda at its next meeting:</p> <p>Share Transfer Property Transactions Tax Environmental Taxes</p>	SP
7.	<p>Forthcoming Legislation –</p> <p>The Panel noted the items of draft legislation within its remit scheduled for debate by the States within the next month. Connétable Murphy informed the Panel that he wished to independently discuss P.128/2007 (Draft Drug Trafficking Offences (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 200-) with the Comptroller and Auditor General.</p>	
8.	<p>International Conventions –</p> <p>The Panel noted the International Conventions and Agreements progress report from 1st October 2005 to 31st March 2006 (R.C.95/2007).</p>	
9.	<p>Current reviews –</p> <p>The Panel noted an update summary for its current reviews.</p> <p>On a separate matter, the Chairman informed the Panel that following his attendance at an Economic Development event, where the guest speaker had been Ms K. Barker, Monetary Policy Committee Member of the Bank of England, he wished to conduct some work into the possible use of GST to control the Island's inflation, and would be preparing a paper on this issue independently.</p>	PR
10.	<p>Future Meetings –</p> <p>Panel Meeting to approve the Zero/Ten Report - 31st October at 3.30 pm (First Floor Meeting Room, Morier House).</p>	

Full Panel Meeting – 22 nd November at 9.30 am (Le Capelain Room)
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Chairman
Deputy P J D Ryan