

Environment Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 18th September 2012

Meeting No: 11

Present	Deputy J. Young, Chairman Connétable P. Rondel Deputy S. Luce (Vice chairman)
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr. M. Orbell, Scrutiny Officer

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	1. Record of meeting The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st August 2012 were approved and signed.	MO
21.08.12 Item 2 514/19	2. Ash Disposal The Panel considered the adviser's draft report and suggested questions for the ash review public hearings on 21st September. It was agreed that the Panel would hold an informal pre-meeting with the adviser starting at 1.00pm on 20th September to prepare for the hearings the following day. The Scrutiny Officer was asked to prepare a suitable media release announcing the hearings.	MO MO
21.08.12 Item 3 514/20	3. Radon It was noted that the Health and Social Services Department had not yet responded to a request for information on radon, to be followed by a meeting with the Minister for Health and Social Services to agree terms and conditions for the review. The Scrutiny Officer was asked to contact the department to remind them of the request and ask for full information on all past radon surveys to be provided at least 2 days in advance of the meeting. It was agreed that the information would be treated as confidential. The Panel discussed the need for an adviser for the review; members considered that it might be helpful to seek advice on suitable consultants from the UK Health Protection Agency once the terms of reference for the review were agreed.	MO MO
21.08.12 Item 4 513/35	4. Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) The Panel noted separate draft reports on the MTFP proposals for the Department of the Environment and Transport and Technical Services prepared by the Chairman. It was agreed that members would submit any comments or suggested amendments before midday on 20th September so that the reports could be passed on to the Corporate Services (MTFP) Sub-Panel by 24th September.	SL/PR JY/MO
21.08.12 Item 5	5. Asbestos The Panel discussed the latest information received from departments concerning asbestos. The Scrutiny Officer was asked to seek clarification from the Department of the Environment on discussions with the UK Environment Agency about 'Duly Reasoned	MO

	Requests' for the purpose of exporting waste. It was agreed that the Panel would revisit the subject of asbestos in 1-2 months to see what progress had been made.	MO
1214(605)	6. Marine water quality It was noted that no contact had yet been received from the aquaculture industry following the Panel's last meeting with the Department of the Environment. It was agreed that the Vice Chairman would follow this up with the industry; in the meantime the Panel would take no further action.	SL
	7. Planning System The Panel noted comments on various matters from the Chairman following his attendance at the first Construction Council conference. a) There appeared to be some movement on the Department of the Environment's internal review of the Planning Appeals system; it was agreed that the Panel would wait 3 months before following this matter up. b) The H3 affordable housing policy was not working and there was pressure for a review. It was understood that the Minister would be bringing forward a Green Paper, but a timetable would be required so that that the Panel could look into this before the matter came back to the States. c) The system for planning applications was considered to be chaotic and time-consuming. There could be a case for a Panel review early in 2013. The Panel also discussed historic buildings. It was agreed that available guidance was unclear and a review was also needed in this area. It was suggested that the topic could be 'Registered Buildings and Heritage Policy' and the review should take place in the first quarter of 2013.	MO MO MO MO
	8. Forthcoming meetings Ash Disposal review public hearings: (1) Minister for Planning and Environment: 10.00am on 21st September 2012, Blampied Room, States Building (2) Minister for Transport and Technical Services: 1.30pm on 21st September 2012, Blampied Room, States Building Quarterly public hearing with the Minister for Transport and Technical Services: 2.00pm on 8th October 2012, Blampied Room, States Building Next scheduled Panel meeting: 2.00pm on 16th October 2012, Blampied Room, States Building	MO