

Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Meeting No. 60

9th April 2008

Present Deputy G. P. Southern, Chairman
Deputy J. A. Martin
Connétable M. K. Jackson
Deputy K. C. Lewis

Apologies Deputy A. Breckon

Absent

In attendance Nathan Fox, Scrutiny Officer

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1.	Minutes The Minutes of the meeting held on 26th March 2008 were approved.	NJF
2. Item 4 16.03.08	The Role and Funding of Jersey Finance Limited The Panel considered a draft report in respect of the above review. The Panel noted that the key findings and recommendations were primarily included in the first half of the report, and indicated that these should be more evenly distributed. The executive summary was amended and the Panel agreed that it should be further revised by the Chairman. The Panel concluded that further work was necessary. The Chairman was delegated authority to make the necessary amendments to the report. The Panel agreed to meet to finalise the report on 23rd April 2008.	NJF
3. Item 9 26.03.08	Business Plan The Panel noted that the Economic Development Minister had indicated that he was available to discuss the draft Economic Development Department Business Plan 2009 on 2nd May 2008. The Panel noted that it was current operating with only one Scrutiny Officer, who was to be absent from the Island at the time of the Public Hearing. Accordingly the Panel agreed to formulate questions for the Minister without support, and indicated that a member would be selected at a later date to act in a secretarial function in this regard.	NJF

	<p>The Panel was informed that arrangement could be made through the Scrutiny Manager to secure an officer to attend the hearing itself.</p> <p>The Panel also noted that the Chairmen's Committee intended to prepare a joint Scrutiny response to the draft departmental Business Plans by 8th May 2008, in preparation for a meeting between the Chairmen's Committee and the Council of Ministers on 15th May 2008 to discuss the subject.</p>	
4.	<p>JCRA Report</p> <p>The Panel received a report from the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority analysing the effect upon competition of the entry of a new UK supermarket in to the Island.</p> <p>The Panel noted that the report was heavily influenced by a submission from Tesco, and that no factors other than the cost of food had been considered.</p> <p>Than Panel agreed in general terms that the report warranted a response, and delegated authority to the Chairman to prepare a rebuttal for its consideration at a later date.</p>	
5.	<p>Future meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted that the next meeting was due to be held on 23rd April 2008 at 9.30am in the Blampied Room, States Building. The Panel noted that officer provision for this meeting was to be arranged through the Scrutiny Manager.</p>	

Signed

Date

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Chairman Deputy G. P. Southern
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