

	<p>requested to follow up the matter.</p> <p>Consideration was given to the timescale for presentation of the report. The Panel recalled that the report would be presented ahead of the States debate on <i>Draft Strategic Plan (P.28/2012)</i>. It was further noted that, in line with the Panel's previously agreed action plan, the target for presentation was 18th April 2012. The Panel was advised that, as a consequence, it would need to have completed the report by 11th April 2012 in order that the draft could subsequently be distributed to contributors for comment on the factual accuracy. Noting this timescale, the Panel agreed to meet on 2nd April 2012 (once its meeting with Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources, had been completed) in order to consider the draft report and to discuss potential findings and recommendations arising from the review. The Panel further agreed to schedule a provisional meeting for 1:30pm on 5th April 2012, in the event that further discussion was required after 2nd April 2012.</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of correspondence from a member of the public in which questions were asked regarding the definition of 'dwelling' used during the 2011 Census. It was agreed to thank the member of the public for the correspondence and to advise that the questions raised would be taken into account during the remainder of the Panel's review.</p> <p>The Panel noted that a copy of the speech to be made that day by Mr. M. Boleat, Boleat Consulting, at a lunch organised by the Chamber of Commerce had been received from Mr. Boleat himself and circulated to the Panel. It was further noted that Mr. Boleat had updated his report, <i>Jersey's Population – A History</i>, a copy of which had also previously been circulated.</p>	<p>WM / SM</p> <p>WM / SM</p>
<p>08/03/12 Item 1 513/1(45)</p>	<p>3. Medium Term Financial Plan</p> <p>The Panel considered the structure of its proposed review of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP). The Panel recalled the recommendations of the Chairmen's Committee that each Scrutiny Panel consider the MTFP in relation to the Ministers and Departments within its remit and that a Corporate Services Sub-Panel be established to consider matters arising from the Panels' work that cut across more than one Department. It was noted that any such Sub-Panel would need to be chaired by a Member of the Panel in accordance with Paragraph 4.21 of the <i>Code of Practice for Scrutiny Panels and the Public Accounts Committee</i>. It was further noted that, in line with the Committee's proposal, the Panel would begin work on the MTFP by considering the two relevant Departments before moving on to consider the overall structure and process of the MTFP from the perspective of the Minister for Treasury and Resources.</p> <p>The Panel received Deputy T.A. Vallois, President of the Chairmen's Committee, and discussed with her the Committee's proposals for scrutiny of the MTFP. It was confirmed that each Panel would be expected to consider the MTFP in respect of the relevant Ministers and Departments and that the results of each Panel's work would be provided to a Corporate Services Sub-Panel, in order that the Sub-Panel could consider cross-cutting matters and general issues that might arise. The Panel was advised that Departments would be ready to provide briefings to the Panels from May 2012. It was subsequently noted that the Panel's own work would include consideration of overarching matters relating to the structure and process of the MTFP, for example policy relating to the</p>	

	<p>allocation of contingency.</p> <p>The Panel was advised that the President would meet the Chief Minister regularly and would be able to raise any issues that might become apparent. In that regard, it was noted that the President and Chief Minister had already discussed the timing of the MTFP and that it was possible that the debate on the MTFP could be pushed back from the date in September 2012 that was currently envisaged.</p> <p>It was ultimately agreed that the Panel would draft Terms of Reference for its work on the MTFP and that these would be shared with the Chairmen's Committee, in the event that they could be used in establishing a template for the other Panels' work. The Panel agreed that this should occur in time for the next Chairmen's Committee meeting on 24th April 2012 and that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman should meet the Scrutiny Officers in the first instance to progress the matter.</p>	<p>SF / JR / WM</p>
<p>14/12/11 Item 6</p> <p>513/1(40)</p>	<p>4. Gigabit Jersey</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of correspondence from a member of the public in which concerns were expressed regarding the decision to establish a fibre optic network in Jersey. The Panel considered the correspondence with Deputy Vallois, in her capacity as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), in attendance.</p> <p>Consideration was given to the decision-making process that had been followed in relation to Gigabit Jersey. It was noted that the decision to approve financing of the Gigabit Jersey project had been taken by the Minister for Treasury and Resources and that it had not been the subject of debate by the States Assembly. The Panel considered whether, as the decision had already been made, any review relating to the subject fell within the remit of the PAC. The Panel was advised by the Chairman of the PAC that the PAC would not normally question Ministers and that if there were concerns relating to the decision-making process followed by the Minister, it would be for the Panel to examine the matter in the first instance. The Panel therefore agreed that it would raise the matter with the Minister at its meeting with him on 2nd April 2012 and that it would subsequently include questions on the topic at the next Quarterly Public Hearing. The Panel also agreed to request copies of the Oxera report relating to this matter and of the revised business case which the Panel understood JT would submit to the Department of Treasury and Resources by 31st March 2012. The Panel also requested that the Ministerial Decision relating to Gigabit Jersey be circulated.</p>	<p>WM</p>
<p>513/1(43)</p>	<p>5. Public Finances Law</p> <p>The Panel noted that amendments to the <i>Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2005</i> would be lodged for debate by the States later in 2012. It was noted that the amendments in question would address recommendations that had previously been made by Mr. C. Swinson OBE, Comptroller and Auditor-General (C&AG). Consideration was therefore given, with the Chairman of the PAC in attendance, to whether this matter would be a subject for review by the Panel or by the PAC. The Panel was advised that the PAC was likely to follow up many of the recommendations made by the C&AG by writing to the relevant accounting officers to ask how the recommendations had been addressed. It was envisaged that the same process would apply in relation to the imminent amendments to the <i>Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2005</i>. The Panel was advised that, once</p>	

	the PAC had undertaken that work, it was likely the matter would then fall within the Panel's own remit, given that the PAC would not review policy or legislation in development.	
29/02/12 Item 6 513/1(41)	<p>6. Work Programme</p> <p>Consideration was given to the Panel's work programme for 2012 and, in particular, the work that the Panel would undertake from September 2012 onwards. It was noted that the Panel's current workload incorporated two substantial pieces of work in the Population and Migration Review and the review of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP). It was further noted that further work on population and migration matters, beyond that currently scoped, was likely to be necessary and that this might involve the establishment of a Sub-Panel in order to co-ordinate work with the Health, Social Security and Housing (HSSH) Scrutiny Panel. No decision was therefore taken as to further review topics and the Panel agreed to return to the subject of its work programme in due course.</p>	
	<p>7. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted that it would meet the Minister for Treasury and Resources on 2nd April 2012, at which time it was due to receive briefings in respect of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and pensions matters.</p> <p>The Panel noted that its subsequent scheduled meeting would take place on 11th April 2012. It further noted that it would receive the Minister for Treasury and Resources for a Quarterly Public Hearing on 25th April 2012.</p>	
	<p>8. Housing Capital Projects</p> <p>The Panel noted that a request had been received from the Department of Treasury and Resources to brief the Panel at 12:00pm on 11th April 2012 in respect of the funding of housing capital projects. Noting that it was already due to meet that day, the Panel agreed to accede to the request. It was further agreed that any relevant documentation which the Department might wish to provide to the Panel should be received in advance of the briefing.</p>	WM
	<p>9. Information Services</p> <p>The Panel received documentation relating to information services that had been received from the Chief Minister's Department. It was noted that the documentation was confidential.</p>	