

# Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

## PUBLIC MEETING

### Record of Meeting

Date: 14th October 2009

Meeting Number: 29

Present	Connétable G. F. Butcher Deputy R. G. Le Hérisssier, Chairman Deputy M. Tadier (Items 2-13) Deputy T. M. Pitman (Items 2-9)
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mrs. E. Liddiard, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p><b>1. Records of Meetings</b></p> <p>The records of the meetings of 16<sup>th</sup> September 2009, 18th September 2009, 2nd October 2009 and 5th October 2009 were approved and signed.</p>	
	<p><b>2. Matters Arising</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the status of action updates from the previous meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2009. The Panel further noted briefing notes of the Chairmen's Committee meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> September 2009</p>	
Item 3 16.09.09  516/16(8)	<p><b>3. Fort Regent Review</b></p> <p>The Panel approved the final draft of the Report including the Key Findings and Recommendations. The Panel further agreed for the report to be scheduled for presentation to the States on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009. The Panel requested the Officer to organize a press conference on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 2pm at Fort Regent.</p> <p>The Panel further requested the Officer to schedule a Panel meeting for Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009 at 1.30pm to discuss a Proposition to support the report.</p>	EL  EL
Item 1 05.10.09  516/19(8)	<p><b>4. Schools Suspension Review</b></p> <p>The Chairman of the Sub Panel provided an update on the progress of the review to the Panel. It was noted that the Sub-Panel would be holding Public Hearings on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2009 and 26<sup>th</sup> October 2009. It was further noted that some witnesses would be attending private hearings due to the nature of their evidence.</p> <p>The Chairman informed the Panel that they were still waiting for an official response from the Minister with regard to agreement for staff to be approached directly by the Panel, and invited to speak in confidence at a Hearing.</p>	

<p>Item 6 16.09.09  516/22(8)</p>	<p><b>5. Higher Education Fees Review</b></p> <p>The Panel agreed to form a Sub-Panel for this review consisting of Deputy Tadier as Chairman together with Deputy Le Hérissier, Connétable Butcher and Deputy S. Pitman.</p> <p>The Panel approved the Terms of Reference, Scoping document and Project Plan for the review and requested for this to be forwarded to the Chairmen's Committee.</p> <p>The Panel agreed for a Call for Evidence to be drafted and provisionally scheduled for two nights in the JEP during the week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009. The Panel also agreed for a Channel 103 Advert to be drafted and scheduled for the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009.</p> <p>The Panel requested the Officer to send the Terms of Reference to the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture and to request any relevant documentation to help the Sub-Panel with its review.</p>	<p>EL</p> <p>EL</p> <p>EL</p>
<p>510/3(6)</p>	<p><b>6. Public Engagement</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed using The Isle to raise awareness of Scrutiny Reviews. The Panel agreed, in principle, that it would be open to discussing future reviews with The Isle with the view to producing an editorial. However, the Panel were mindful that any future collaboration would be dependent on cost.</p> <p>The Panel requested that for future reviews Officers asked members of the public, who sent in submissions, to confirm where they heard about the review.</p>	
	<p><b>7. Ministerial Responses</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the draft template for Ministerial responses. The Panel did raise a concern with regard to ensuring there was enough room on the template for longer responses to be provided. The Officer informed the Panel that it was likely that this template would be provided electronically and therefore all sections could be expanded if necessary.</p> <p>The Panel discussed a statement from the Council of Ministers with regard to the Ministerial Responses template and disagreed strongly with its suggestions.</p>	
	<p><b>8. Contractual Staff</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the decision of the Chairmen's Committee to explore the possibility of using contractual staff for review work.</p> <p>The Panel discussed the possible benefits for using contractual staff for temporary review research support.</p>	
<p>Item 10 16.09.09  516/1(44)</p>	<p><b>9. 2010 Annual Work Programme</b></p> <p>The Panel began consideration of its work programme for 2010. It was noted that the following factors may be considered; Criminal Injuries Compensation, Political Education, Vetting and Barring, Wheel Clamping, The Youth Service, Young Offenders and Succession Planning in the Police Service.</p>	

	<p>The Panel requested continuation of this discussion to be placed on the Agenda for its next Panel meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2009.</p> <p>The Panel further requested the Officers to write to both Departments within its remit to request an update on any policy or legislation that the Ministers are likely to be bringing forward during 2010.</p>	<p>EL/SP</p> <p>EL/SP</p>
	<p><b>10. Forthcoming Legislation</b></p> <p>The Panel noted forthcoming propositions lodged "au Greffe" pertinent to the Panel's remit. The Panel agreed that the Chairman would draft a comment on behalf of the Panel, excluding Deputy T Pitman, with regard to the Proposition; <i>Young Offenders: naming in the media (P.148/2009)</i> due for debate on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009.</p>	<p>RLeH</p>
	<p><b>11. Ministerial Decisions</b></p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of recent Ministerial Decisions pertinent to its remit.</p>	
	<p><b>12. Questions to Ministers</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that the Minister for Housing and the Chief Minister would take questions without notice at the States sitting of 20th October 2009, and that the Ministers for Transport and Technical Services and Treasury and Resources would take questions without notice at the States sitting of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009.</p>	
	<p><b>13. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that the next Panel Meeting would take place during a Panel visit to Cardiff. The Panel agreed to rearrange the meeting for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 9.30am in Le Capelain Room, States Building.</p>	<p>EL/SP</p>

Signed

Date:





Chairman

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