

Chairmen's Committee

Record of Meeting

Date: 11th February 2014

Present	Deputy T.A. Vallois, President Deputy S.G. Luce, Vice-President Senator S.C. Ferguson Connétable S. W. Pallett Deputy J.A. Hilton, Acting Chairman, HSSH Deputy J.H. Young
Apologies	Deputy K.L. Moore
Absent	
In attendance	Mrs. K. Tremellen-Frost, Scrutiny Manager

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	1. Minutes of previous meetings The records of the meetings held on 14th and 30th January 2014 were approved and signed accordingly.	
14.01.14 Item 13 516/1(1)	2. Chairmanship, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel The newly elected Chairman of the Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel, Connétable S.W. Pallett, was congratulated on his success and welcomed onto the Committee.	
14.01.14 Item 2 510/1(74)	3. Remit of Scrutiny Panels; transfer of Housing to Environment Scrutiny Panel The Committee noted that this was currently being incorporated with other proposed amendments through the Machinery of Government Review and it requested that this be actioned separately to ensure that it was in place by the 2014 elections.	KTF
14.01.14 Item 3 510/3(5)	3. Newsletter The Committee considered comparative printing costs and compared quotes in comparison with the Winter edition 2013. It agreed that it wished to use the services of the same providers for the Summer 2014 edition as it had for the Winter 2013 edition. The Committee also considered information from Jersey Post in respect of a service for surveys and was apprised of the possible cost implications. The Committee agreed to invite representatives of Jersey Post to its next scheduled meeting to learn more about what it had to offer.	KTF
18.12.12 Item 14 513/36	4. Medium Term Financial Plan The Committee considered a matter raised by the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel in respect of possible end of term scrutiny of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP). It was agreed that, whilst there was a body of work to be done at a high	

	<p>overarching level, this was best undertaken by the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel. It was consequently agreed, therefore, that all Panels would not undertake reviews into this topic.</p>	
<p>14.01.14 Item 12</p>	<p>5. Annual Report 2013 draft</p> <p>The Committee considered a draft and unformatted version of the Annual Report 2013. Noting that this contained information only up to 31st December 2013, it approved the draft subject to a minor amendment to the end of year financial report, formatting and the inclusion of images.</p>	<p>KTF</p>
<p>14.01.14 Item 5</p> <p>510/1(5)</p>	<p>6. Codes of Practice – approval by States Assembly</p> <p>The Committee recalled that at its last meeting it had agreed to ask all Scrutiny Members for their views in respect of the Codes of Practice governing Scrutiny being adopted by the States or not.</p> <p>It was noted that a majority was of the opinion that the Code should be approved by the States. Of the few who believed that it should be determined between the Chairmen’s Committee and the Chief Minister only, it was also stated that this should only be after sufficient consultation with all Scrutiny Members.</p>	
<p>14.01.14 Item 5</p> <p>510/1(5)</p>	<p>7. Codes of Practice – headings for joint Code</p> <p>The Committee recalled that it had been agreed that there should be three separate Codes of Practice as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A Ministerial Code of Practice; b) A Scrutiny Code of Practice; c) A joint Code governing the working arrangements between Scrutiny and the Executive <p>In respect of c) above, the Committee receive a discussion paper outlining some areas of possible contention and some suggested overarching headings.</p> <p>The Committee focussed on the likely areas of contention and gave consideration to the topic areas Scrutiny was currently obliged to reject, legal advice matters and access to officials. It was agreed to invite H.M. Attorney General to the next meeting in respect of legal advice.</p>	<p>KTF</p>
	<p>8. Panel Activity Reports</p> <p>These were taken as read.</p>	
<p>12.11.13 Item 4</p> <p>465/1(182)</p>	<p>9. Machinery of Government [MoGR]</p> <p>The Committee received a briefing from the Chairmen who were also Members of the Privileges and Procedures Committee, on a recent meeting of that Committee. There had been a general malaise with proceeding with the recommendations from the MoGR Steering Group. The Committee was also apprised of PPC’s wish to consider further the new model of government being operated by Cornwall Council.</p>	
	<p>10. May meeting date</p> <p>The Committee noted that the scheduled May meeting date fell between two Bank Holidays and consequently moved its meeting to 20th May 2014.</p>	
	<p>11. Future meetings</p>	

	The Committee noted that its next scheduled meeting was 11 th March 2014, 9.30am-11.30am, Le Capelain Room, States Building.	
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