

Public Accounts Committee

Record of Meeting

Date: 3rd October 2016

Present	Deputy A. Lewis, Chairman Connétable C.H. Taylor Deputy J.A. Martin Mr G. Drinkwater Mr R. Parker
Apologies	Mr M. Robinson Connétable A.S. Crowcroft
In attendance	Mrs K. McConnell, Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) Ms C. Tomlinson, PAC Officer

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	<p>1. Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received from Mr M. Robinson and Connétable A.S. Crowcroft.</p>	
	<p>2. Expressions of Interest – Vice Chairman</p> <p>The Committee noted that following the Chairman’s active encouragement of States members to join PAC, Connétable A.S. Crowcroft had agreed to join and, with the agreement of the Committee, would become Vice-Chairman. It was also noted he had agreed to chair the next PAC meeting on 31st October, in the Chairman’s absence.</p>	AL
	<p>3. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Committee noted declarations of interest. Mr M. Robinson in relation to Travel and Accommodation and Mr R. Parker in relation to commercially sensitive information relating to HRG.</p>	
	<p>4. Next Meetings</p> <p>The Committee agreed it would meet on 5th October 2016 at 1pm in Le Capelain Room to formulate questions for the public hearing in respect of the fuel farm lease renewal, to be held on the same day at 2pm. It also agreed its next full Committee meeting would be held on Monday 31st October.</p>	CT
	<p>5. Media Contact</p> <p>The PAC noted that a misunderstanding had arisen when the Chairman was contacted by online media and it had been reported that the C&AG was to publish a report in two weeks. The C&AG later issued a press release clarifying the progress of her review. The PAC agreed that in future, if the PAC or C&AG were to mention the other party’s ongoing work, it would be checked with the Officer first.</p>	
09.09.16	6. Financial Management	

<p>Item 6 512/28</p>	<p>The Committee noted the Executive Response to the PAC review had not been received on Monday 26th September, however apologies for its lateness had been communicated from the Treasurer to the Chairman. The Officer was asked to request a timescale for its receipt.</p>	<p>CT</p>
<p>09.09.16 Item 7 512/30</p>	<p>7. Travel and Accommodation Expenses Review</p> <p>The Committee considered amendments together with draft findings and recommendations, and agreed to discuss with the Officer further before 7th October. It noted the substantive body of the report had been sent to stakeholders and it agreed it would like to present a report within the next two weeks.</p>	<p>CT</p>
<p>09.09.16 Item 8 512/29</p>	<p>8. Fuel Farm Lease Renewal</p> <p>The Committee agreed the next Public Hearing would be held on 5th October at 2pm and both the Chief Officer, Economic Development, Sport, Tourism and Culture Department and the Chief Officer, Department for Infrastructure, had been asked to attend.</p>	<p>CT</p>
<p>512/1(8)</p>	<p>9. C&AG – Jersey Audit Office Audit Plan</p> <p>The C&AG presented a report on the Management Information in Education, and the PAC agreed to request an Executive Response to the 12 recommendations contained therein. It also noted the approved and signed copy of the Annual Report and Accounts. The PAC also received a confidential update in respect of the Review into the Use of Consultants, and noted it may be published later than intended as the C&AG was awaiting the Treasurer’s comments.</p>	<p>CT</p>
<p>09.09.16 Item 10 512/32</p>	<p>10. eGov Report</p> <p>The Officer reported on a meeting held between the eGov Programme Director and Mr M. Robinson where information relating to the Review had been requested and discussed. The Committee agreed that its review would investigate which recommendations of the C&AG had been put in place up to and including Quarter 4 of 2016. It also requested the Officer to organise a meeting with the Director of Digital Jersey, to explore his views on the eGov programme.</p>	<p>CT</p>
<p>09.09.16 Item 11</p>	<p>11. PAC Symposium</p> <p>The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and PAC Officer would attend the 4th Public Accounts Committees Symposium in London on 17th-18th October 2016.</p>	<p>AL</p>