

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: **15th February 2007**

Meeting Number: **32**

Present	Deputy P J D Ryan, Chairman Senator J Perchard, Vice Chairman (Excluding items 10a; 10d; and 11) Connétable J L S Gallichan Connétable D Murphy (Item 3 onwards) Deputy C Egré (Items 1-3; 9 and 10b only)
In attendance	Mr M Haden, Scrutiny Officer Miss S Power, Scrutiny Officer

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1.	<p>Minutes –</p> <p>The Panel approved the minutes of the meetings held on the 18th January (parts A and B); 24th January and 25th January 2007.</p>	
2.	<p>Matters arising –</p> <p>a. The Panel discussed the issue of paper management, as requested by the Chairman. Indexed review folders will be prepared by Officers at the start of each review and further papers will be added as the review progresses. It was agreed that each Panel member should inform Officers whether they required a file to keep all key documents, or whether they were happy to work from a central file held in the Scrutiny Department.</p> <p>b. The Panel noted that Deputy Egré had offered Deputy R Duhamel, President of the Chairmen’s Committee, his support for a potential Scrutiny review into La Collette.</p>	Panel members
3.	<p>Chairmen’s Committee –</p> <p>The Panel noted briefing notes from the Chairmen’s Committee meeting of the 9th February 2007.</p>	
4.	<p>International Conventions and Agreements –</p> <p>The Panel noted a Progress report for the period from the 1st April to the 30th September 2006, and requested for Mr M Entwistle, International Relations Officer, to be contacted to</p>	

	request for further information on the “International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage 1992.”	SO
5.	<p>Machinery of Government Review –</p> <p>The Panel noted the letter of the 24th January 2007, from Connétable D Gray, Chairman, Privileges and Procedures Committee, and agreed it wished to make a collective response to this review. The Panel highlighted matters it wished to include in this response, and requested for a response to be drafted to be approved by the Panel before being sent.</p>	SP
6.	<p>Forthcoming legislation –</p> <p>The Panel noted a paper outlining forthcoming items of draft legislation due to be debated within the next month.</p>	
7.	<p>Ministerial decisions –</p> <p>The Panel noted a paper documenting Ministerial decisions for the period from the 1st January to the 8th February 2007.</p>	
8.	<p>Date of next meeting –</p> <p>The Panel requested for the Minister for Treasury and Resources to be invited to a private meeting during its update meeting in the States lunch break on the 27th February 2007, to discuss issues relating to the future deficit in States finances.</p> <p>The Panel noted that the next six monthly meeting with the Chief Minister had been scheduled to take place on the 15th March 2007, and agreed that the Panel should discuss issues to raise at this meeting during its update meeting on the 27th February 2007.</p> <p>The Panel noted that Orchid Communications had requested a meeting with each Scrutiny Panel to discuss the production of the Scrutiny Newsletter. The Panel delegated responsibility to the Chairman and the Vice Chairman to meet with Orchid Communications to discuss matters to be included in the Newsletter.</p>	MH PR/JP
9.	<p>States Annual Business Plan –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Panel received a confidential briefing from Mr I Black, Treasurer of the States and Mr C Haws, Head of Financial Planning on the next stage of the Budget and the Annual Business Plan. ii. The Panel discussed the next stage of its review into the States Annual Business Plan. The Panel noted that Deputy I Gorst; Deputy A Maclean and Deputy J Le Fondré had formed a Panel to review further scope for efficiency savings within States Departments, and would be presenting a report outlining their findings to the Council of Ministers. The Panel requested for access to 	

	<p>this paper once it had been produced.</p> <p>The Panel requested for a paper to be prepared outlining the timescales that were being worked towards with this review, and summarising the main points that had been raised during the briefings from the Treasury and Resources Department.</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>MH</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>a. Overseas Aid Review –</p> <p>i. In the absence of the Sub Panel Chairman, the Panel received an oral progress report from Connétable Gallichan and Connétable Murphy following the public hearings that had been held for this review during the 5th and 7th February 2007.</p> <p>ii. The Panel noted the letter that had been sent to the Chairman of the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission from the Chairman of the Overseas Aid Sub Panel, following the attendance of the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission at the public hearing on the 7th February 2007. The Panel agreed that in future letters of this nature should be sent to the full Corporate Services Panel for approval before being sent in the name of a Sub Panel.</p> <p>b. GST Review -</p> <p>The Panel received an oral update report from the Chairman following the Sub Panel’s meeting with the GST Director on the 14th February. The Panel discussed the possibility of presenting an amendment to the GST legislation in the name of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel, and agreed, before taking this matter further, to request a private meeting with the Minister for Treasury and Resources to discuss the possible amendment.</p> <p>c. Zero/Ten Review –</p> <p>i. The Panel received an oral update report from the Chairman following a meeting with the Treasury and Resources Minister on the 14th February, and noted that the Panel would be provided with a copy of the draft shareholder legislation within the next few weeks.</p> <p>ii. The Panel agreed that as the provisions for the Island to move to a zero/ten corporate tax system had now been approved by the States the original zero/ten Sub Panel should be reconstituted. The Panel therefore approved the revised draft terms of reference for the final stage of the review. Responsibility was delegated to the Chairman and the Vice Chairman to consider a title for this review.</p> <p>iii. The Panel agreed that the constitution of this Sub Panel should be as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Senator J Perchard (Chairman) Senator B Shenton Deputy P Ryan Mr B Curtis (local expert adviser)</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>MH</p> <p>PR/JP</p>

	<p>The Panel agreed that Sub Panel members should be contacted formally once the name of the review had been confirmed.</p> <p>d. Migration Policy – The Panel received an oral update report from the Chairman following a meeting with the Migration Advisory Group on the 9th February 2007. The Panel noted that the Sub Panel was currently in the process of looking for an expert adviser, and that further details would be provided once any interested parties had responded.</p>	<p>JP/SP</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Government Bonds – The Panel received Mr C Steel from Attac and the Tax Justice Network, to discuss his Scrutiny Proposal into Government Bonds.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that Mr Steel should be contacted to thank him for his time, and to ask for a paper demonstrating evidence of the financial and economic benefits to the Island of implementing such a proposal.</p>	<p>MH</p>