

Environment Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

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Present	Deputy R.C. Duhamel (Chairman) (RD) Connétable K. A. Le Brun of St Mary (KB) after item 2 Connétable A. S. Crowcroft (SC) Deputy P. V. F. Le Claire (PLC)	
Apologies		
Absent		
In attendance	Carol Le Quesne, Scrutiny Officer Mick Robbins, Scrutiny Officer	
Ref Back	Agenda matter	Action
	<p>1. Minutes of Previous Meetings</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting of 6th and 28th September 2007 were approved and signed.</p> <p>RD. SC. PLC.</p>	
23/08/07 Item 4	<p>2. Matters Arising</p> <p>Action Updates</p> <p>The Panel noted that no reply had been received from T Binet relating to restrictions or protocols in the use of compost and any changes in these restrictions that may have taken place following the introduction of PAS100 as a standard for compost making. The matter was to be followed up</p> <p>The Panel was concerned that the use of pesticides and other chemicals in green waste from private gardens may have had a detrimental effect on the composting process or quality. Information on testing green waste was to be obtained.</p> <p>The Panel noted that the Member Profile for the Newsletter from the Connétable of St. Helier would be completed later that day and sent to the officers.</p> <p>RD. KLB. SC. PLC.</p>	MR MR SC
06/09/07 Item 2c	<p>3. St Aubins Bay Water Quality</p> <p>The Panel confirmed its intention to host a round the table meeting on 2nd November 2007 at 2.30 p.m. in the Blampied Room in order to discuss issues such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cessation of monitoring the First Tower outfall 	MR

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What the fail records mean in tables forwarded to us by Transport and Technical Services on 17th August 2007 • What, if any, are the health implications • What, if any, are the environmental implications • When is water flushed from the treatment works • How often this is tested and what is it tested for • The safety of this water • The proliferation of sea lettuce • The future of the liquid waste treatment in Jersey. <p>Understanding that these issues may be political in the longer term involving the possible relocation of the Liquid Waste Plant or the need to improve on the cleanliness of the water, the Panel felt that invitations to the Ministers and their officers from Transport and Technical Services, Health and Social Services and Planning and Environment were essential.</p> <p>RD. KLB. SC. PLC.</p>	
<p>06/09/07 Item 4</p>	<p>4. Sustainable Building Conference.</p> <p>The Panel deferred the discussion on Malmo and the examination of the reports to the next meeting. The submission of the officer report was noted with the request for a minor amendment. This was to be ready for the next meeting along with the Members reports which were needed to complete the picture.</p> <p>It was noted that the Sustainable City Development 2007 Conference attended was a very good opportunity to promote Jersey, to meet people and to increase the Panels' knowledge. 48 countries were in attendance with the function being very well structured and managed.</p> <p>The Panel further agreed that the trip and conference were well organised and extremely valuable. It offered its thanks to Mrs Le Quesne for arranging the trip and for her excellent support work whilst the Panel was away.</p> <p>This matter was to be placed on the next agenda.</p> <p>RD. KLB. SC. PLC.</p>	<p>CLQ</p> <p>MR</p>
<p>06/09/07 Item 5</p>	<p>5. Waste Review</p> <p>The Panel had received the transcript of the Public hearing held on the 17th September 2007. Hard copies were to be distributed to Members in order that they could prepare discussions and an analysis of the hearing for the next meeting</p> <p>The Panel had grave concerns about the planning application for the proposed energy from waste plant. Particularly as the States have not agreed to any such plant. It was noted that</p>	<p>MR</p>

	<p>the States have charged the Minister for Transport and Technical Services to return to the States with the preferred options. (P95/2005).</p> <p>This raised concerns of the long term planning for the area of La Collette. Should the Jersey Electricity Company cease producing electricity due to sustainable links with France by 2015, this would leave questions about the validity of the location of the proposed new waste plant. The Panel requested an invitation be arranged to attend a meeting of the council of Ministers to discuss this issue. Further, that a proposition was to be prepared to take to the States should the Panel be met with an unsuitable response from that meeting. The Panel would be available after the 17th October 2007 to attend a Council of Ministers meeting and the second part of the public hearing would be held after that.</p> <p>The Panel considered that the message outlined within the Waste Recycling Report was not getting through to either the public or States Members. It agreed that a road show would be necessary. Consideration was given to a video but the Panel was not in favour of that approach. The issues raised were considered to show just how important it was that the correct line of communication existed to other States Members. It was considered time to move the hearts and minds of Public and States Members to support recycling in the Island. The Chairman was to prepare ideas relating to better communication of the Panels view points on recycling. He was to work with officers and to take the results back to the Panel.</p> <p>RD. KLB. SC. PLC.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>RD</p> <p>RD / MR</p>
<p>06/09/07 Item 6</p>	<p>6. Sites of Archaeological Interest</p> <p>This item was deferred to the next meeting.</p> <p>RD. KLB. SC. PLC.</p>	<p>MR</p>
<p>06/09/07 Item 3</p>	<p>7. Air Quality</p> <p>The appointment at the last meeting of Professor Duncan Laxen was noted and agreed with. It was recognised that there would be problems should the Panel wish to consider the involvement of the Professors company in any surveying work be undertaken. This was accepted by the Panel.</p> <p>The Panel turned its attention to the advertisement for submissions and having made a minor amendment agreed that the advertisement should be printed in the Jersey Evening Post for 3 nights. The Panel agreed the necessary funding for this to be done.</p> <p>RD. KLB. SC. PLC.</p>	<p>CLQ</p>
	<p>8. Homes and Leisure Exhibition</p>	

	<p>The Panel agreed that it wanted to attend the next Homes and Leisure Exhibition to be held over the 6th to the 8th November 2008 providing there is no clash with the election dates.</p> <p>RD. KLB. SC. PLC.</p>	MR
	<p>9. Identity Cards</p> <p>The Panel noted that the subject of Identity Cards for States Members was going to the Privileges and Procedures Committee on Wednesday 3rd October 2005 and that the Constable of St Mary, K Le Brun was to talk to the Committee.</p> <p>RD. KLB. SC. PLC.</p>	KLB
	<p>10. Draft Energy Policy.</p> <p>The Panel noted the Draft Energy Policy Public Consultation Discussion Paper and noted immediately that the report contained useful comments about a waste analysis being unavailable. After discussion it was considered that this item needed time during the next meeting and it was so deferred.</p> <p>RD. KLB. SC. PLC.</p>	Panel
	<p>11. Environment Panel Newspaper</p> <p>The creation and circulation of a broad sheet was suggested. The Panel required a paper to be prepared giving full outlines of the proposal with costings and manpower implications.</p> <p>RD. KLB. SC. PLC.</p>	PLC
	<p>12. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted that the next meeting would be Thursday 4th October 9.30 a.m. It also noted that due to the short notice, the agenda would be late. The meeting would be in the Le Capelain Room, States Building.</p> <p>RD. KLB. SC. PLC.</p>	MR

Signed

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