

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 4th March 2009

Meeting 12

Present	Senator S.C. Ferguson, Chairman Deputy C.H. Egré, Vice-Chairman Connétable D.J. Murphy Deputy T.A. Vallois
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr. M. Robbins, Scrutiny Officer Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p>1. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The Panel approved and signed the records of its meetings of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 30th January 2009 b) 4th February 2009 c) 11th February 2009 d) 16th February 2009 e) 17th February 2009 	
	<p>2. Action Updates and Matters Arising</p> <p>The Panel noted the update on actions it had requested at previous meetings.</p> <p>The Panel received briefing notes of the Chairmen's Committee meeting of 19th February 2009.</p>	
11/02/09 Item 11.	<p>3. Tax Information Exchange Agreements (TIEAs)</p> <p>Following the retention of work on Tax Information Exchange Agreements (TIEAs) in the Work Programme during a previous meeting, the Panel agreed that it was not useful to scrutinize TIEAs at that time. However, it was to remain in the work program and the Panel was to keep a watching brief.</p>	
	<p>4. Video Use In Meetings and Hearings.</p> <p>Following a Panel discussion on the use of video cameras in its meetings by members of the public, the Panel established that the press would be welcome because they had a Code of Practice to follow and complaints relating to abuse had a mechanism for resolution. Members of the public had no such restraints placed upon them, which could have allowed disruption during the meeting and misuse of the footage. The Panel was minded that the meetings were open to the public as observers and it decided to maintain refusal for permission for any member of the public to film during any Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel hearing or meeting.</p>	
17.02.09 Item 10.	<p>5. Deemed Rent</p>	

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513/4	<p>The Panel noted the prepared update and record of meetings with Mr. R. Teather on 16th February 2009 and a member of the public who wished to remain anonymous, on 17th February 2009.</p> <p>The Panel considered a previously circulated draft copy of the Deemed Rent Review Report. The Panel agreed with the premise within the report and discussed aspects of the document in detail. The Panel agreed to the draft of the report. Stakeholders were to have the draft report circulated for factual checks to be made prior to going to print.</p>	MR/ WM
11/02/09 Item 9, 513/16	<p>6. Waterfront Enterprise Board</p> <p>The Panel considered a draft report from the Waterfront Enterprise Board Sub-Panel and agreed to certain amendments. It was noted that the draft report would therefore be updated to reflect the fact that <i>Waterfront Enterprise Board: Revised Memorandum and Articles of Association</i> (P.12/2009) had been withdrawn. It was agreed that the draft report, as amended, would be circulated by e-mail for Panel approval. The Panel agreed that no Chairman's foreword was required in the report.</p> <p>The Panel received the record of the Sub-Panel meeting of 10th February 2009 and noted that it was approved by the Sub-Panel.</p>	WM/ MR
11/02/09 Item 9	<p>7. Property Holdings</p> <p>The Panel recalled that it was to undertake a review relating to Jersey Property Holdings by a Sub-Panel chaired by Connétable Murphy. It noted the postponement of the briefing from Property Holdings Officers due to the Director of Property Holdings being out of the Island. The Panel further recalled that this was not an immediate priority and required the briefing re-arranged for 8th April 2009.</p>	MR/ WM
11/02/09 Item 10	<p>8. Rapporteur: Information Technology, Human Resources and Emergency Planning</p> <p>The Panel approved the scoping document that outlined the work for the Vice-Chairman in the rôle of Rapporteur. The document was to be sent to the Chairmen's Committee for noting. The Vice-Chairman was to liaise with officers to arrange commencement of the work.</p>	MR/ WM
11/02/09 Item 4	<p>9. Finance Sub Panel</p> <p>The Panel noted that the creation of a Finance Sub Panel was discussed at the Chairmen's meeting of 19th February 2009 with a request for Membership from other Panels. The Panel also noted a request sent to all other Panels for this matter to go on their agendas. Answers were due to filter through prior to the next meeting of the Panel.</p> <p>A discussion was held regarding an advisor resulting in the Panel agreeing that Mr. M. Oliver was suitable in view that he had been contracted previously and was fully appraised of the work to be done. It was accepted that this was to be undertaken by the Sub-Panel once it had been constituted, agreed its Terms of Reference and scoped its first review.</p>	MR/ WM
11/02/09 Item 4	<p>10. Fiscal Stimulus Package</p> <p>In discussing the forthcoming Fiscal Stimulus Package, the Panel received an oral briefing from the Chairman relating to the visit of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to the Fiscal Policy Panel on Tuesday 3rd March 2009. The work of the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel was noted</p>	

	<p>following discussions in that briefing.</p> <p>The Panel recognized that the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel would be examining aspects of the Fiscal Strategy that connected with the economic structure of the Island. The Corporate Services Panel would be looking at its implementation.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the main Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel would look at the Fiscal Stimulus Package and not a Sub-Panel. This was a completely separate issue to the remit of the Finance Sub-Panel.</p> <p>The Panel required that information was obtained from the Minister for Treasury and Resources to establish a timetable for the Fiscal Stimulus Package.</p>	MR/ WM
11/02/09 Item 5 513.6	<p>11. Migration Law</p> <p>The Panel was advised that the first meeting of the Migration Sub-Panel had taken place on 4th March 2009 at which time it had met the Migration Advisory Group. It was noted that Migration legislation would be brought forward in two parts. The first part would cover the establishment of a register of names and addresses; the second part would relate to access to housing and employment.</p> <p>The Membership of the Sub-Panel was confirmed as the Chairman (who would be Chairman of the Sub-Panel); Deputy G. P. Southern; Deputy C. F. Labey; Deputy D. J. A. Wimberley; and Deputy T. A. Vallois. It was agreed that the Sub-Panel's general remit would encompass both the impending Migration legislation and the question of population levels that would be covered in the debate on the new Strategic Plan.</p>	
	<p>12. Forthcoming Propositions</p> <p>The Panel noted that as of 24th February 2009, the following items of legislation had been lodged <i>au Greffe</i>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft Royal Court (Amendment No. 12) (Jersey) Law 200-(P.19/2009) Chief Minister, Date of Debate: 31st March 2009 2. Draft Taxation (Exchange of Information with Third Countries) (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 200-(P.22/2009) Chief Minister, Date of Debate: 24th March 2009 <p>It was anticipated that Standing Order 72 would not apply to the following propositions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Williamson Report: Implementation Plan – funding (P.17/2009) Treasury and Resources, Date of Debate: 31st March 2009 4. Ratification of the Agreements for the Exchange of Information Relating to Tax Matters between the States of Jersey and the Nordic Countries (Denmark, the Faroes, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden) (P.21/2009) Chief Minister, Date of Debate: 24th March 2009 5. Law Revision Board: appointment of member (P.23/2009) Treasury and Resources, Date of Debate: 24th February 2009 6. Appointments Commission: re-appointment of member (P.24/2009) Chief Minister, Date of Debate: 10th March 2009 <p>The Panel having noted the above, questioned that number 3 above, the Williamson Report, was unusual in that it was seeking funding before the</p>	WM/

	debate to agree the principle. Checks were to be made with other Scrutiny Panels to establish what was being done.	MR
	13. Strategic Plan The Panel noted the public consultation period and agreed that it was useful for Members to study the document and bring items of interest to the next Panel meeting for discussion.	
	14. Ministerial Decisions The Panel noted the Ministerial Decisions made by the Chief Minister and Minister for Treasury and Resources that had appeared on www.gov.je between 4th February and 24th February 2009.	
	15. Future Meetings The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting would occur on 18th March 2009. The Vice-Chairman and Deputy Vallois offered apologies. In view of that, the Panel agreed that this date was to be the first meeting of the Finance Sub-Panel, immediately followed by the above Panel meeting.	

Signed

Date:



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Chairman, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

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