

Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 12th May 2009

Meeting Number: 13

Present	Connétable G. F. Butcher Deputy R. G. Le Hérissier, Chairman Deputy T. M. Pitman Deputy M. Tadier Deputy T. A. Vallois (Item 3 only)
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mrs. E. Liddiard, Scrutiny Officer Miss S. Power, Scrutiny Officer

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	1. Records of Meetings The Records of the meetings of 9 th April and 23 rd April 2009 were approved and signed.	
	2. Matters Arising a. The Panel noted the status of action updates from the previous meeting on the 9 th April 2009. b. The Panel noted briefing notes of the Chairmen's Committee meeting of the 23 rd April 2009.	
Item 3 09.04.09 516/16(8)	3. Fort Regent Review a. Expert Advisors Consideration was given, in private session under Article 3.2.1(a) (xiv), to interviews that had been held with potential advisers. b. Public Hearing Schedule The Panel noted the schedule and confirmed availability. c. Property Holdings The Panel requested the Officers to ask Mr. David Flowers, Director, Property Holdings Department, if he could provide any technical data, or any commercially sensitive data, to the panel in preparation of the Public Hearing on Friday 22 nd May 2009.	 EL EL
Item 4 09.04.09 516/17(8)	4. Prison Board of Visitors The Panel received an update from the Chairman of the Sub-Panel, Deputy M Tadier, who advised that the report was currently being drafted by the Scrutiny Officer. It was noted that the Sub-Panel would be meeting next week to discuss the draft report, and that the Officer would be sending the draft report to the Sub-Panel members this Friday 15 th May 2009.	 SP

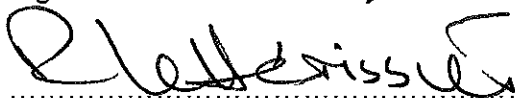
Item 3 11.02.09	<p>5. Previous Panel's Review of Early Years Education</p> <p>The Panel discussed recommendations made by the previous Education and Home Affairs Panel to follow-up the review of Early Years Education. The Panel requested the Officers to send a letter to the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture requesting an update on the progress of the recommendations made in this report.</p>	EL/SP
Item 5 09.04.09	<p>6. Draft Strategic Plan</p> <p>The Panel noted that a letter had been sent to the Chief Minister on the draft Strategic Plan.</p>	
	<p>7. School Suspension Figures</p> <p>The Panel discussed the response from the Education, Sport and Culture Department to only release school suspension figures per school as confidential information. The Panel requested the Officers to draft a letter to the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture explaining that it is believed this information must be publicly accessible, especially if it is to be considered during the forthcoming review into school suspensions, which is scheduled to begin in May 2009.</p>	EL/SP
Item 8 09.04.09	<p>8. Scrutiny Matters Newsletter</p> <p>The Panel noted a paper from the Chairmen's Committee on the next edition of the Scrutiny Matters Newsletter.</p>	
	<p>9. Citizenship Programme</p> <p>The Panel noted a paper from the Chairmen's Committee on the Scrutiny Citizenship Programme and confirmed their individual availability to participate in specific school visits.</p>	
	<p>10. Renaming of Scrutiny Panel to Select Committee</p> <p>The Panel considered a briefing paper from the Chairmen's Committee and agreed it did not wish to support the proposal to change the name of 'Scrutiny Panel' to 'Select Committee' at this stage.</p>	
	<p>11. Legal Advice to Scrutiny</p> <p>The Panel noted a paper from the Chairmen's Committee providing a list of legal practices that had been included on a central list of firms that would be able to provide independent legal advice to Scrutiny Panels if required.</p>	
	<p>12. Briefing on Legislative Scrutiny</p> <p>The Panel noted a paper from the Chairmen's Committee on legislative scrutiny.</p>	
	<p>13. Forthcoming Propositions</p> <p>The Panel noted that there were no forthcoming propositions lodged <i>au greffe</i> by the Minister for Home Affairs or the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture.</p>	
	<p>14. Ministerial Decisions</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of recent Ministerial Decisions pertinent to the Panel's remit.</p>	
	<p>15. Strategic Plan Progress against Initiatives</p> <p>The Panel noted sections from the Strategic Plan Progress against</p>	

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	Initiatives report as at 31 st December 2008, relevant to the Panel's remit.	
	<p>16. Questions to Ministers</p> <p>The Panel noted the Minister for Home Affairs and the Chief Minister would be taking questions without notice at the States sitting of 19th May 2009. The Panel requested the Officers circulate its suggested questions prior to that date by email.</p>	EL/SP
Item 6 09.04.09	<p>17. Any other business</p> <p>a. Briefing from Jersey Heritage Trust:</p> <p>All Panel members confirmed their availability to attend a briefing from the Jersey Heritage Trust on Monday 1st June 2009 at 10am at the Jersey Archive.</p> <p>b. Visit to Grainville School:</p> <p>The Panel requested the Officers to postpone the visit to Grainville School that was scheduled for Monday 8th June 2009.</p> <p>c. Videoing of Scrutiny Panel meetings:</p> <p>The Chairman provided an update to the Panel on the current situation with regards to the videoing of Public Meetings by unaccredited Media.</p> <p>d. Visits to Le Rocquier School and Highlands College</p> <p>The Panel noted summaries from its visits the previous week to Le Rocquier School and Highlands College.</p>	SP EL
	<p>18. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted that the next Panel Meeting would be Wednesday 10th June 2009, at 9.30am in Blampied Room, States Building.</p>	

Signed

Date:



Chairman
Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

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