

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 23rd January 2013

Meeting No: 66

Present	Deputy J.G. Reed, Vice-Chairman Connétable D.J. Murphy Deputy S. Power Deputy R.J. Rondel
Apologies	Senator S.C. Ferguson, Chairman
Absent	
In attendance	Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer

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	1. Records of Meetings The Panel approved the record of its meeting held on 9th January 2013. The record was signed accordingly.	
09/01/13 Item 5 513/1(41)	2. Modernisation Programme The Panel noted that the Chairman had not yet been able to circulate information in respect of Lean Academies.	SF
09/01/13 Item 10 513/1(41)	3. Work Programme The Panel recalled undertakings made by Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources, that quarterly budget reports provided to the Council of Ministers could be shared with Scrutiny Panels and the Panel's own agreement that the reports could potentially be used when preparing for Quarterly Public Hearings. The Scrutiny Officer was requested to correspond with the Department of Treasury and Resources about the matter and it was agreed that the matter would be discussed with the Minister on 31st January 2013. The Panel noted the status of its Work Programme for 2013.	WM
09/01/13 Item 13 1240/25(7)	4. Annual Report The Panel noted that the report in respect of its activity in 2012 had been forwarded to the Chairmen's Committee for eventual inclusion in the 2012 Annual Report of the States Assembly.	
09/01/13 Item 8 513/36	5. Population and Migration The Panel received an oral update from the Chairman of the Migration and Population Sub-Panel. The Panel was advised that the Sub-Panel had finished gathering evidence, notwithstanding two meetings with interested parties which were due to take place, and that drafting of the report had begun. It was noted that the Sub-Panel had started the process of identifying Key Findings and Recommendations and consideration was given by the Panel to the issues which had arisen during the Sub-Panel's review. The Panel was advised that the Sub-Panel currently intended for the	

	<p>report to be presented on 28th February or 1st March 2013 ahead of the States debates on <i>Draft Control of Housing and Work (Residential and Employment Status) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.2/2013)</i> and <i>Draft Control of Housing and Work (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.3/2012)</i>, both of which were due to take place on 5th March 2013. Consideration was given to whether this timetable would leave sufficient opportunity for the report to be considered before the debate and for any amendments that might potentially be identified to be lodged. It was noted that presentation at the end of February 2013 would not leave sufficient time for amendments but that there would nevertheless be options available to the Council of Ministers and the States Assembly by which they could ensure that the recommendations from the Sub-Panel's report were addressed.</p>	
<p>16/01/13 Item 1 513/37(2)</p>	<p>6. Deposit Loan Scheme</p> <p>The Panel recalled its agreement of a Scoping Document and Terms of Reference for a review of <i>Starter Home Deposit Loan Scheme (P.131/2012)</i> and noted that the documentation had been forwarded for the attention of the Chairmen's Committee. The Panel was advised that the Minister for Treasury and Resources would be informed of the Terms of Reference and that a request had been made to defer the debate on P.131/2012 to 16th April 2013. The Panel was further advised that a media release announcing the review would be despatched in due course.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that information should be sought on the options considered by the Executive in developing the proposals and on the consideration that had been given to the proposals by the Council of Ministers. In terms of stakeholders and interested parties, the Panel identified parties from which it would seek submissions and requested the Scrutiny Officer to consider which other parties could be approached.</p> <p>Consideration was given to the appointment of an expert advisor for the review. The Panel was advised of work undertaken by the Scrutiny Office in identifying potential advisors and it was noted that there had been difficulties in doing so given that those with expertise in Jersey were likely to be seen to have a vested interest whilst potential advisors from outside the Island might not have the requisite knowledge of the local housing market. Taking these factors into consideration, the Panel identified a number of people which the Scrutiny Officer was requested to contact to ascertain whether they could assist the Panel.</p> <p>The Panel noted that hearings had been arranged for 13th February 2013 and that the Minister for Treasury and Resources and Deputy A.K.F. Green MBE, Minister for Housing, were currently due to appear.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>
<p>09/01/13 Item 9 513/37(3)</p>	<p>7. External Relations</p> <p>The Panel recalled its agreement to undertake a review of draft Regulations which, if approved, would establish the position of Minister for External Relations. The Panel was advised that the Scrutiny Officers had met the Director and Deputy Director of International Affairs and had informed them of the Panel's desire to review the draft Regulations once they had been lodged. It was noted that the Chief Minister would be prepared to lodge the draft Regulations for eventual</p>	

	<p>debate in May or June 2013, thereby allowing the Panel sufficient time to undertake its review. The Panel was advised that it had subsequently been suggested that the draft Regulations be presented to the States as a Report in the first instance. This would allow the Panel to scrutinise them in the public domain but allow the Chief Minister to amend the draft Regulations, if amendments arose from the Panel's report, before they were ultimately lodged for debate. The Panel agreed it would accept the draft Regulations being presented in this manner. It was further agreed that the Panel would be able to complete its review for the draft Regulations to be debated in June 2013. It was noted that the matter would be discussed with the Chief Minister.</p> <p>Consideration was given to a draft Scoping Document and it was approved for distribution to the Chairmen's Committee, subject to the insertion of one additional key issue. Consideration was given to the appointment of an expert advisor and the Panel was advised that, at this stage, it did not appear that an advisor was required. The Panel subsequently considered draft Terms of Reference and identified a number of matters it wished to consider and which would require the Terms of Reference to be amended. The Scrutiny Officer was requested to make the necessary amendments and to circulate the revised draft Terms of Reference for approval by e-mail.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>
<p>09/01/13 Item 3 513/35</p>	<p>8. Medium Term Financial Plan</p> <p>The Panel was advised that the meeting of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Sub-Panel had been postponed. It was noted that follow-up to the recommendations made in <i>Review of the Medium Term Financial Plan</i> (SR18/2012) would be required and it was agreed that the Panel would consider the matter in the first instance. It was further noted that the topic would be discussed with the Minister for Treasury and Resources on 31st January 2013.</p>	
<p>513/1(40)</p>	<p>9. Meeting with the Chief Minister</p> <p>The Panel prepared for its subsequent meeting with the Chief Minister. It was noted that the Chief Minister's Department had been provided with a list of topics which the Panel wished to discuss.</p> <p>Once all other items on the Panel's agenda had been considered, the Panel adjourned and subsequently reconvened for a meeting with the Chief Minister in order to discuss priorities for 2013 and the 2013 Work Programme. The meeting took place at Cyril Le Marquand House and was held in private session under Paragraph 3.2.1(a)(xiv) of the <i>Code of Practice on Public Access to Official Information</i>. The apologies of Deputy R.J. Rondel for the meeting with the Chief Minister were noted.</p>	
<p>25/01/12 Item 10 513/1(40)</p>	<p>10. Meeting with the Minister for Treasury and Resources</p> <p>The Panel noted that it would meet the Minister for Treasury and Resources at 10:00am on 31st January 2013 in order to discuss priorities for 2013 and the 2013 Work Programme. A list of topics for discussion was considered and agreed with one addition .</p>	<p>WM</p>
<p>09/01/13 Item 11 513/1(40)</p>	<p>11. States of Jersey Development Company</p> <p>The Panel noted that a briefing from the States of Jersey Development Company had been arranged for 3:30pm on 27th February 2013.</p>	

	<p>12. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on 6th February 2013.</p>	
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