

Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 1st March 2010
Meeting 54

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| Present | Deputy C.F. Labey, Vice-Chairman Deputy S. Pitman Deputy D.J.A. Wimberley |
| Apologies | Deputy M.R. Higgins, Chairman Deputy J.M. Maçon |
| In attendance | Mr. T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer Mr. D. Scott, Scrutiny Officer |

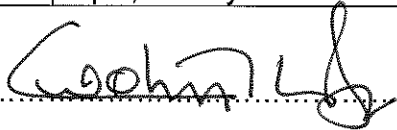
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| | <p>1. Records of Previous Meetings</p> <p>The Panel approved the records of its meetings held on 4th, 5th, 8th and 12th February 2010.</p> | |
| <p>12/02/10, Item 1 515/16(8)</p> | <p>2. Bag Limits</p> <p>The Panel recalled its decision of 5th February that the Chairman should work in liaison with the Officer to try to establish a single merged version of the two reports being drafted, which would be circulated to the Panel by Friday 12th February. The Panel further recalled its decision of 12th February that, in the absence of that report, the Chairman should continue to work in liaison with the Officer to try to establish a single merged version of the two reports being drafted, which would be circulated to the Panel by Friday 19th February.</p> <p>Having considered the absence of a merged report, its Work Programme and the timeframe of the Bag Limits Review, the Panel agreed that it would complete the version of the report that it had considered, complete with findings and recommendations, on 5th February. The Panel requested that the draft report would be circulated to it by Friday 5th March, and agreed that it would feedback comments using track changes to the Officer by 9am on Tuesday 9th March, with a view to finalising the report. It was agreed that, once finalised, the report would be circulated to witnesses for comment on the factual accuracy of their evidence, and once any comments had been considered the report would be presented to the States.</p> <p>The Panel noted that the agreed Review budget of £1,760.00 had been overspent by £613.97, and was advised that the overspend would increase further in view of recent stakeholder Hearings held, with the agreement of the Panel, by the Chairman. It further noted that the budget position would subsequently be forwarded to the</p> | <p>TO/DS</p> <p>TO/DS</p> |

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| | Chairmen's Committee as per the agreed system of allocation and management of the Scrutiny budget. | |
| 22/02/10, Item 1 515/15(8) | <p>3. Tourism PPP</p> <p>The Panel noted that it was awaiting receipt from the Jersey Hospitality Association of the consultation it conducted with its membership regarding the PPP. It also noted that it was awaiting receipt of the Association's accounts from the Chairman and the transcript from the Public Hearing held with the Minister for Economic Development on 22nd February. The Panel agreed that the Officer should follow up on the outstanding information.</p> <p>The Panel recalled that it had agreed, at its meeting held on 12th February, to pursue arrangements for a site visit to Jersey Tourism. The Panel was advised that the Economic Development Department had indicated that the Minister may wish to present for the visit. The Panel agreed that it would continue to seek to arrange a suitable time for the visit, but would request that the visit be conducted without the Minister present in order to lessen the formality and associated constraints that may arise for the staff.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would meet on Wednesday 3rd March at 3pm to further discuss the progress of its Review.</p> | <p>TO/DS</p> <p>TO/DS</p> <p>Panel</p> |
| 01/02/10, Item 8 | <p>4. Intellectual Property</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of the document <i>Intellectual Property and E-Commerce Optimisation Project</i> and a paper containing background information on potential Intellectual Property advisers. The Panel requested that a paper received previously from the Director, Strategic Development responding to Panel questions on Intellectual Property should be re-circulated.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would request a briefing on the draft Regulations from the Director, Strategic Development on 15th March 2010.</p> | <p>TO/DS</p> <p>TO/DS</p> |
| 08/02/10, Item 7 | <p>5. Skills Executive/Youth Unemployment/Training</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of the Skills Executive Annual Report 2009 and the Skills Executive Business Plan 2010. The Panel was advised that Deputy S. Pitman and Deputy J.M. Maçon had met to further consider issues relating to Youth unemployment/Highlands College/Skills and training, with the intention of progressing the establishment of a Sub-Panel to undertake a Review. It had been agreed that Deputy J.M. Maçon would forward the Officers notes and questions raised by those discussions.</p> <p>It was noted that letters had been drafted inviting representatives from the Education and Home Affairs and Health Social Security and Housing Panels to participate on the proposed Sub-Panel with Deputy S. Pitman and Deputy J.M. Maçon. The Panel was advised that the Officers had sent the letters to the Chairman and were awaiting approval.</p> | <p>JM</p> |

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| 01/02/10, Item 3 | <p>6. Jersey Finance Ltd</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of a letter from the Minister for Economic Development responding to the questions raised in correspondence from the Panel. The Panel agreed that the Members would consider any further questions and raise them for consideration by the Panel.</p> <p>The Panel noted that the 2010 Jersey Finance Limited Business Plan had been forwarded for distribution to the Panel, subject to the signing of a confidentiality agreement. The Panel agreed that in the absence of the Chairman it would wait until the following meeting, at which he would be present, to consider receipt of the Business Plan.</p> | Panel |
| | <p>7. Companies Law</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of the document <i>Companies Mergers Consultation</i>. It agreed that it would request from the Economic Development Department copies of submissions received as part of its consultation process, with a view to informing possible future work.</p> | TO/DS |
| 01/02/10, Item 4 | <p>8. Work Programme</p> <p>The Panel undertook an update review of its Work Programme and agreed minor timetable adjustments. It was agreed that the Officers would amend the Programme accordingly and distribute the revised version.</p> | TO/DS |
| | <p>9. Chairmen's Committee</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memo for Panels • Away morning timeline 28.01.10 • C&AG, Assessing the reliability of evidence • Private or public meetings • Letter, Review of the role of the Crown Officers | |
| | <p>10. Census</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of the document <i>Census Workshop – Questions Asked In 2001</i>. It agreed that it would consider submitting potential questions for inclusion on the next Census, but would first seek to clarify the procedure for doing so.</p> <p>The Panel requested that the matter be included on the Agenda for its next scheduled meeting.</p> | TO/DS TO/DS |
| | <p>11. Forthcoming Propositions</p> <p>The Panel noted that between 2nd and 18th February 2010, no propositions had been lodged <i>au Greffe</i> by the Minister for Economic Development for debate by the States Assembly:</p> | |
| | <p>12. Ministerial Decisions</p> <p>The Panel noted the following Ministerial Decisions made by the Minister for Economic Development between 2nd and 18th February 2010:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-gaming: in-principle agreement to establishment of full regulatory and licensing regime (MD-E-2010-0019) | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mergers of Jersey companies - approval of consultation paper (MD-E-2010-0018) <p>The Panel noted that (MD-E-2010-0019) the timetable outlined for the lodging of the in principle E-gaming proposition had passed without a proposition being lodged, and agreed to write to the Minister to request the revised timetable and the draft report and proposition.</p> | TO/DS |
| | <p>13. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would meet on Wednesday 3rd March at 3pm to further discuss the progress of its Tourism PPP Review. The Panel noted that the Panel's next scheduled meeting would take place on 15th March 2010 at 9.30am in Le Capelain Room, States Building. It further noted that the Quarterly Update Meetings with the Minister for Economic Development had been scheduled for 12 April, 12 July and 4 October, between 11am and 1pm.</p> | |

Signed



Date:

15th June 2010

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