

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 11th May 2012

Meeting No: 27

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

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03/05/12 Item 1 513/33	<p>1. Housing Capital Projects</p> <p>The Panel considered lines of enquiry for its review of <i>Social Housing Schemes: Funding</i> (P.40/2012) and identified questions that it would seek to address in the comments it would present on the proposition. It was confirmed that a copy of the accounts for the Currency Fund should be requested. The Panel recalled that it had previously received a copy of the report presented to the Council of Ministers on this matter on 15th March 2012. The Scrutiny Officer was requested to re-circulate the paper.</p> <p>The Panel, noting that it was likely to ask questions relating to P.40/2012 at the subsequent Quarterly Public Hearing with Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources, was advised that there was currently no budget for any expenditure on its review of the proposition. It was noted that the Panel had initially envisaged not undertaking any public hearings for the review. The Panel therefore agreed a budget of £500 to cover the expenditure incurred by asking questions on the matter at the Quarterly Public Hearing.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>
02/05/12 Item 1 513/34	<p>2. Tourism Development Fund</p> <p>The Panel, noting that a draft statement had previously been circulated, approved the statement that the Chairman would make to the States Assembly on 15th May 2012 on whether the Panel had agreed to review <i>Tourism Development Fund: Assistance to the Private Sector</i> (P.26/2012).</p> <p>The Panel, recalling its agreement to establish a Sub-Panel to undertake the review, agreed that its membership would be Deputy S. Power, Deputy R.J. Rondel and Deputy S.G. Luce, Chairman of the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel.</p> <p>Consideration was given to whether questions about P.26/2012 should be included at the next Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Treasury and Resources. The Panel was advised that, in previous Scrutiny Reviews, Sub-Panels had arranged and undertaken their own</p>	

	<p>questioning. It was agreed, however, that a question on the matter would be included at the Quarterly Public Hearing.</p> <p>The Panel noted that Deputy Rondel had recently made an application to the Tourism Development Fund on behalf of the Parish of St Helier.</p>	
<p>25/04/12 Item 12 513/1(40)</p>	<p>3. Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for Treasury and Resources</p> <p>The Panel, noting that a Quarterly Public Hearing would be held with the Minister for Treasury and Resources on 17th May 2012, considered, amended and approved a question plan for the hearing. It was noted that, in accordance with the <i>Code of Practice for Scrutiny Panels and the Public Accounts Committee</i>, an indication of the areas of questioning would be provided to the Minister.</p> <p>The Panel noted that a question on staffing levels would be put, on the basis of information provided by the Minister in response to a written question in the States on 1st May 2012. The Scrutiny Officer was requested to circulate the Minister's response.</p> <p>Consideration was given to whether the fact that certain Panel Members held shares in Jersey Water would preclude them from asking questions on the general subject of the utilities. The Scrutiny Officer was requested to investigate the matter.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>
<p>25/04/12 Item 6 513/1(45)</p>	<p>4. Medium Term Financial Plan</p> <p>The Panel considered its proposed review of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP). It was agreed that the Panel should appoint an expert advisor to assist its review and the Scrutiny Officer was therefore requested to investigate the matter.</p> <p>The Panel was advised that arrangements had been made for the Chairman to receive a briefing from the Treasurer of the States on the content of the MTFP on 17th May 2012. It was noted that, as the briefing would take place after the Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Treasury and Resources, other Panel Members would also be able to attend. It was agreed to advise the Department of Treasury and Resources that, in accordance with the Panel's previous statement on this matter, the briefing would not take place if relevant documentation was not provided at least two days in advance.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>