Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date:31st January 2013Meeting No:67

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	Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources [Item 3] Deputy E.J. Noel, Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources [Item 3] Ms. L. Rowley, Treasurer of the States [Item 3] Mr. K. Hemmings, Head of Financial Management, Accounting and Reporting [Item 3] Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer Miss S. McKee, Scrutiny Officer [Item 3]

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23/01/13 Item 6 513/37(2)	 1. Deposit Loan Scheme The Panel considered its review of Starter Home Deposit Loan Scheme (P.131/2012). It received an update from the Scrutiny Officer on the search for an expert advisor and it was noted that no potential candidates had yet been identified. The Panel identified further people whom the Scrutiny Officer was requested to contact to ascertain whether they could assist the Panel. The Panel was advised that requests for written submissions had been sent to stakeholders and that more were due to be despatched. It was noted that background documentation had been received from the Chief Minister's Department which had been circulated to the Panel by e-mail and which would also be circulated in hard copy. 	WM
	Consideration was given to <i>Housing Affordability in Jersey 2002 – 2011</i> and to <i>Jersey House Price Index Third Quarter 2012</i> , both of which had been published by the Statistics Unit and which the Panel had received as part of the background material from the Chief Minister's Department. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to receive a briefing from the Statistics Unit on the documents and the Scrutiny Officer was therefore requested to ascertain whether the briefing could take place at the Panel's meeting on 6th February 2013. The Panel was further advised that a call for evidence had been drafted for insertion in the <i>Jersey Evening Post</i> . The Panel agreed to increase the budget for the call for evidence to £600 (and the overall review budget to £6,700) in order to ensure that the full costs of advertising were covered. It was noted that expenditure on the call for	WM

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	evidence would amount to £526.13 exclusive of GST.	
23/01/13	2. External Relations	
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	The Panel received an update on its review of proposals to establish a	
513/37(3)	Minister for External Relations. The Panel was advised that the Scoping Document had been forwarded for the attention of the Chairmen's Committee and that Senator I.J. Gorst, Chief Minister, had been advised that the Panel would be happy for the draft Regulations to be presented to the States as a report in the first instance. The Panel noted that revised draft Terms of Reference had been circulated by e-mail. It was agreed that Panel Members would consider the draft Terms of Reference by e-mail with a view to approving a final version on 6th February 2013.	
23/01/13	3. Meeting with the Minister for Treasury and Resources	
Item 10		
	The Panel met Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and	
513/1(40)	Resources, in order to discuss priorities for 2013 and the 2013 Work Programme. The meeting took place in private session under Paragraph 3.2.1(a)(xiv) of the <i>Code of Practice on Public Access to</i> <i>Official Information</i> and a private record was therefore taken.	