

# Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

## PUBLIC MEETING

### Record of Meeting

Date: 23rd February 2009  
Meeting 5

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

| Ref Back           | Agenda matter   | Action               |
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|                    | <p><b>1. Records of Previous Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel approved the record of its meeting of 13th February 2009, which was signed by the Chairman accordingly.</p> <p>The Panel was informed by the Chairman that, at its meeting of 19th February 2009, the Chairmen's Committee had agreed that Panels were permitted to amend the Minutes of their meetings. The officers advised the Panel that the briefing notes of that meeting recorded a different decision on the matter. The Chairman advised the meeting that the briefing note did not reflect the decision of the Chairmen's Committee as he understood it and that the Panel was able to amend Minutes as it felt necessary. He continued that it was for the Panel to decide how it dealt with Minutes of its Meetings and not for the Chairmen's Committee or officers to dictate the process.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that he would again raise the issue of the process of amending Minutes with the Chairmen's Committee.</p> | MH                   |
| [13/02/09, Item 5] | <p><b>2. Action Updates</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the Action Updates from its previous meetings.</p> <p>The Panel requested that the officers circulate to the remaining Members the documents relating to the Skills Executive, which had been previously distributed to Deputy Maçon.</p> <p>The Panel was advised that arrangements for a meeting with the Jersey Financial Services Commission were ongoing.</p> <p>The Panel was apprised of the fact that the Corporate Services Panel would shortly be establishing a Fiscal Policy Sub-Panel. It was agreed that the Chairman would be the EA Panel Member who would sit on this Sub-Panel.</p>  | TO/SLQ<br><br>TO/SLQ |



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| <b>[13/02/09,<br/>Item 6]</b>  | <p><b>3. Draft Companies (Amendment 10) (Jersey) Law 200-</b></p> <p>The Panel approved the draft comments to the States concerning its scrutiny of Amendment No.10 to the Draft Companies (Jersey) Law.</p>  |               |
| <b>[13/02/09,<br/>Item 9]</b>  | <p><b>4. Tourism Public Private Partnership</b></p> <p>Following consideration and approval of the draft Scoping Document, the Panel agreed to commence work on a review of the Tourism Public Private Partnership, and to advise the Chairmen's Committee and Minister for Economic Development accordingly.</p>   | <b>TO/SLQ</b> |
| <b>[13/02/09,<br/>Item 10]</b> | <p><b>5. Economic Recovery Plan</b></p> <p>Following consideration of the initial draft Scoping Document, the Panel agreed to undertake a review of the Minister for Economic Development's Economic Recovery Plan. It requested that a full Scoping Document and Terms of Reference be drafted accordingly.</p>  | <b>TO/SLQ</b> |
| <b>[13/02/09,<br/>Item 11]</b> | <p><b>6. Rural Initiative Scheme</b></p> <p>The Panel requested the officers to gather and circulate background information on the Rural Initiative Scheme.</p>   | <b>TO/SLQ</b> |
|                                | <p><b>7. Energy Policy</b></p> <p>The Panel requested confirmation of which Minister was responsible for the forthcoming Energy Policy.</p>   | <b>TO/SLQ</b> |
| <b>[13/02/09,<br/>Item 14]</b> | <p><b>8. Air and Sea Route Development</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the Topic Assessment Form for a possible review of Air Route Development. It agreed that a possible review should be scoped but that this should be broadened to include sea route development.</p>   | <b>TO/SLQ</b> |
| <b>[13/02/09,<br/>Item 7]</b>  | <p><b>9. Jersey Finance Ltd</b></p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would scope its work in relation to Jersey Finance Ltd. It noted that the Vice-Chairman had forwarded to the officers questions to be considered for the Public Hearing with the Minister for Economic Development, and that the Chairman would be submitting questions shortly.</p> <p>The Chairman advised the Panel that he had recently met the Minister for Economic Development at which time he had discussed the confidentiality classification of the London Business School Report. The Minister had agreed to check the reasons for this classification with his Department and update the Chairman.</p> | <b>TO/SLQ</b> |
| <b>[13/02/09,<br/>Item 8]</b>  | <p><b>10. Stakeholder Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would invite the Jersey Small Business Forum to a meeting, in order to discuss current issues or concerns that could help inform the Panel's work.</p>   | <b>TO/SLQ</b> |
| <b>[16/01/09,<br/>Item 3]</b>  | <p><b>11. Housing</b></p> <p>The Panel held further discussions on the possibility that it might undertake a review of matters relating to Housing. The Chairman informed the Panel that he had held positive discussions with the Chairman of the Health, Social Security and Housing Panel about the possibility of a establishing, for this purpose, a Sub-Panel of the Economic Affairs Panel. It was agreed that the Chairman would hold further discussions with the Chairman of the Health, Social Security</p>  | <b>MH</b>     |



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|                                | and Housing Panel about this matter.  |  |
| <b>[13/02/09,<br/>Item 15]</b> | <b>12. Fiscal Policy Panel</b><br><br>The Panel was advised that the officers had contacted the Chief Minister's Department with regard to the possibility of arranging a meeting with the Fiscal Policy Panel. A response was awaited. |  |
|                                | <b>13. Future Meetings</b><br><br>The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on 2nd March 2009.   |  |

Signed

*M. A. Higgins*

Date:

*16-2-2009.*

Chairman  
Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel