

Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

21st April 2017

Present	Deputy S.M. Brée, Chairman Deputy D. Johnson, Vice-Chairman Connétable M.J. Paddock
Apologies	Connétable J.E. Le Maistre
Absent	
In attendance	Mr M. Orbell, Scrutiny Officer

Ref Back	Agenda matter	Action
	<p>1. Digital Policy Framework</p> <p>The Panel met with the Chief Officer, Financial Services and the Director of Digital and Telecoms Policy, Chief Minister's Department, Mr. Tony Moretta, CEO and Mr. Lloyd Adams, Head of Strategy, Digital Jersey for a private briefing on the Digital Policy Framework.</p> <p>Prior to the briefing the Panel Chairman asked that the Panel's dissatisfaction with the absence of the Assistant Minister with responsibility for this area, Deputy S.M. Wickenden, from this long-arranged meeting be noted. It was understood that the Assistant Minister had travelled to Majorca to attend another meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman also referred to a response from the Chief Officer, Financial Services to Panel questions previously sent by email, which stated that a new strategic review and report on financial services commissioned from McKinsey consultants would be the property of Jersey Finance Limited, and would therefore not be circulated more widely within the States of Jersey or States Assembly. The Chief Officer confirmed that was due to the need for commercial confidentiality. The Chairman drew attention to the fact that Jersey Finance was a grant-funded body, and expressed serious concerns about the spending of £900,000 of public funds on a report that no-one outside a select few would be allowed to see, which would also make it impossible to scrutinise. The Chief Officer suggested that it may be possible to offer briefings to Scrutiny as the process went ahead, and stated that the department wanted to co-operate with Scrutiny, but also wanted to minimise circulation of the detailed contents of the review.</p>	<p>MO</p> <p>MO</p>