

# Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 23rd May 2012

Meeting No: 31

Present	Senator S.C. Ferguson, Chairman Deputy J.G. Reed, Vice-Chairman Connétable D.J. Murphy Deputy S. Power [Absent for Item 1] Deputy R.J. Rondel
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer Miss S. McKee, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p><b>1. Records of Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel approved the public records of its meetings held on 12th, 19th and 23rd April 2012 and the private records of its meetings held on 2nd, 11th and 19th April 2012. The records were signed accordingly.</p>	
<p><b>11/05/12</b> <b>Item 1</b>  <b>513/33</b></p>	<p><b>2. Housing Capital Projects</b></p> <p>Consideration was given to draft comments on <i>Social Housing Schemes: Funding</i> (P.40/2012). The draft comments were amended and approved, as amended. The Panel agreed that, ahead of their presentation to the States, a copy of the comments would be sent to the Department of Treasury and Resources.</p>	<b>WM</b>
<p><b>02/05/12</b> <b>Item 2</b>  <b>513/32</b></p>	<p><b>3. Population and Migration</b></p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of correspondence from Senator P.F. Routier, MBE, Assistant Chief Minister and Chairman of the Migration Advisory Group (MAG). It was noted that implementation of the <i>Control of Housing and Work (Jersey) Law</i> was expected to occur in September 2012.</p> <p>The Panel evaluated the course of the review to date. The Panel considered that, whilst the review had progressed reasonably well, changes could be made to the manner in which the Panel approached public hearings. It was noted that the number of hearings scheduled for one day should be limited and that it would be beneficial for the Panel to discuss the implications of information received during hearings on a given day at the end of the day (and not to leave such consideration until a later date). The Panel further noted that it would be beneficial to invite written submissions from people or bodies due to appear at a public hearing and, indeed, that the Panel should endeavour to cover more areas in written format in order that public hearings could be undertaken more effectively.</p> <p>During the course of the Panel's discussions, it was noted that Mr. C. Swinson OBE, Comptroller and Auditor General (C&amp;AG) had previously</p>	

	<p>produced material on the collation and analysis of evidence. The Panel requested that the C&amp;AG's material on the matter be circulated.</p> <p>Consideration was given to the appointment of expert advisors and it was agreed that the Panel should have clear expectations as to what it expected from any advisor that it engaged. It was noted that a view on the Terms of Reference for a review could potentially be sought from an advisor engaged for that review.</p> <p>Consideration was given to the work to be undertaken during the subsequent parts of the review and it was agreed that it would be beneficial to consider the corresponding situations in Guernsey and the Isle of Man.</p> <p>The Panel noted that the Ministerial Response to <i>Population and Migration – Part 1</i> (SR1/2012) would be received in due course. Consideration was given to how the Panel would follow up the recommendations it had made. It was advised that, in other circumstances, the Panel could feasibly hold a public hearing with the relevant Minister in order to follow-up a report; however, in this instance, the Panel would be able to follow-up matters during Part 2 of the review.</p> <p>Consideration was given to whether to establish a Sub-Panel to undertake Part 2 of the review. It was agreed that the Panel itself would undertake Part 2.</p>	<b>WM / SM</b>
<p><b>16/05/12</b> <b>Item 1</b>  <b>513/34</b></p>	<p><b>4. Tourism Development Fund</b></p> <p>The Panel received an update from Deputy S. Power, Chairman of the Tourism Development Fund (TDF) Sub-Panel. It was noted that Terms of Reference for the review had been agreed and that arrangements had been made for public hearings to be held. The Panel was advised that the Sub-Panel had invited written submissions from States Members and from members of the Jersey Hospitality Association (JHA).</p>	
<p><b>22/05/12</b> <b>Item 1</b>  <b>513/35</b></p>	<p><b>5. Medium Term Financial Plan</b></p> <p>The Panel recalled the briefing it had received on 22nd May 2012 from Ms. L. Rowley, Treasurer of the States, on the draft Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP). The Panel further recalled that provisional Terms of Reference would be circulated amongst the Panel for confirmation that they could subsequently be forwarded for consideration by the Chairmen's Committee.</p> <p>Consideration was given to the appointment of expert advisors. It was noted that advice would be required in relation to the economic context of the MTFP and on the mechanics by which the MTFP would operate. It was further noted that, in relation to the latter area, assistance could potentially be gleaned through calling expert witnesses rather than through the appointment of an expert advisor. The Panel was advised that it would be necessary to follow the requirements of Financial Directions in seeking and engaging an advisor.</p> <p>The Panel recalled that scrutiny of the MTFP was intended to involve each of the Scrutiny Panels and, for subsequent work, a Sub-Panel comprising Members from each of the Panels. It was noted that the Panel itself would examine the MTFP from the perspective of the Chief</p>	

	Minister's Department and the Department of Treasury and Resources.	
<b>25/04/12</b> <b>Item 9</b> <b>513/1(41)</b>	<b>6. Work Programme</b>  In light of the decisions made at the meeting, the Panel requested that an update on its work programme be placed on the next agenda.	<b>WM / SM</b>
<b>25/04/12</b> <b>Item 8</b> <b>513/1(40)</b>	<b>7. Gigabit Jersey</b>  The Panel noted that papers relating to Gigabit Jersey requested from the Department of Treasury and Resources had yet to be received and the Scrutiny Officers were therefore requested to follow-up the matter. In light of the Panel's other commitments, it was agreed that, upon receipt of the papers, the Panel would undertake no further work on this topic until such time as there was sufficient capacity within the work programme.	<b>WM</b>
	<b>8. Future Meetings</b>  The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on 6th June 2012.	
<b>08/02/12</b> <b>Item 1</b> <b>513/1(40)</b>	<b>9. Quarterly Hearing with the Chief Minister</b>  The Panel noted that it was due to receive Senator I.J. Gorst, Chief Minister, for a Quarterly Public Hearing on 6th June 2012. The Panel requested that a draft question plan be put together and circulated for Panel consideration. It was agreed that the plan should take into account the previous Quarterly Public Hearing held with the Chief Minister and the 2012 Departmental Business Plan for the Chief Minister's Department.	<b>WM / SM</b>
<b>25/04/12</b> <b>Item 11</b> <b>513/1(40)</b>	<b>10. International Relations</b>  The Panel was advised that the Chairman had been invited to meet the Chief Minister on 29th May 2012 to discuss matters relating to international relations.	