

# Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel Sub-Panel

## Medium Term Financial Plan

### Record of Meeting

Date: 23rd July 2012

Meeting No: 6

Present	Senator S.C. Ferguson, Chairman Deputy J.M. Maçon, Vice-Chairman Deputy J.H. Young Deputy S.G. Luce
Apologies	Deputy J.G. Reed
Absent	
In attendance	Professor M. Oliver, MJO Consulting – Expert Advisor Mr. S. Fair, CIPFA – Expert Advisor  Ms. L. Rowley, Treasurer of the States Mr. D. Peedle, Economic Advisor Mr. A. Macleod, Finance Director for Taxation Ms. L. Ridley, Decision Support Officer  Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer Mrs. J. Hales, Scrutiny Officer

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<b>513/35</b>	<p><b>1. Lines of Enquiry</b></p> <p>The Sub-Panel was briefed by its expert advisors on their Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) findings to date.</p> <p>The Sub-Panel requested that the expert advisors each provide it with a written report by the end of July 2012. The Sub-Panel advised the expert advisors that 14th September 2012 was the deadline for the Sub-Panel to gather evidence from the Scrutiny Panels. The Sub-Panel requested that a copy of the timetable be made available to the expert advisors.</p> <p>The Sub-Panel discussed that should any issues arise from the expert advisor reports or evidence gathered from other Scrutiny Panels, such information should be raised before the October deadline when the Sub-Panel Report was due to be presented to States Members.</p> <p>There was discussion as to whether the expert advisors should attend the Public Hearings for other Scrutiny Panels. The Sub-Panel concluded it could be useful for the expert advisors to sit at the table during the Scrutiny Public Hearings to enable them to ask questions which might assist with their research on the MTFP.</p> <p>The Sub-Panel was advised that the Code of Practice stated that expert</p>	<b>WM/JH</b>

	<p>advisors should not ask questions of States Members and there was no budgetary provision for them to attend.</p> <p>The Sub-Panel agreed Panels would request permission from the relevant Minister at the Public Hearing and ask if they had any objections to the expert Advisor being present at the table.</p> <p>The Sub-Panel discussed the attendance of expert Advisors at forthcoming Sub-Panel meetings. It was agreed that it was not necessary for the expert Advisors to attend all forthcoming meetings and that diary requests would be delivered to the expert Advisors in order to attend the appropriate meetings. The Sub-Panel requested an electronic copy of the MTFP, if available.</p> <p>Consideration was given from the expert Advisors as to whether the numerical tables in the MTFP could be provided in Microsoft Excel format. This was to be discussed with the Treasurer of the States.</p> <p>The Sub-Panel was advised by the Chairman that the Minister for Treasury and Resources had provided an amendment in relation to the MTFP. This was to be verified with the department.</p> <p>The Sub-Panel was advised that all correspondence from expert Advisors must come via the Scrutiny Office.</p> <p>The Sub-Panel requested that a media release be made available to announce that the Sub-Panel had begun work and to advise that it wished to hear from any party which might already have contacted the Executive.</p>	<p>WM/JH</p> <p>WM/JH</p> <p>WM/JH</p>
<b>513/35</b>	<p><b>2. Forecasting</b></p> <p>The Treasurer of the States and various members of the Department of Treasury and Resources joined the meeting at 11.00am to provide a briefing on forecasting. This part of the meeting was held in private session under Paragraphs 3.2.1(a)(i) and 3.2.1.(b) of the <i>Code of Practice on Public Access to Official Information</i> and a private record was therefore taken.</p>	
	<p><b>3. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The future meetings and arrangements were agreed.</p>	