

Public Accounts Committee

Record of Meeting

Date: 8th July 2013

Meeting No: 28

Present	Deputy T. Vallois, Chairman Senator S. C. Ferguson, Deputy R. Rondel Deputy G. Baudains Mr. I. Ridgway (except for item 9) Mr. J. Mills Mr. R. Parker
Apologies	
In attendance	Mrs K. McConnell, Comptroller and Auditor General Mr. M. Robbins, Officer to Public Accounts Committee. Mrs J. Hales, Scrutiny Officer (item 3 only)

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Item 1 15.04.13	1. Records of Meetings The record of the meeting held on 10th June 2013 was approved but would be signed subsequently,	
512/1(44)	2. Conflicts of Interest The Committee noted conflicts of interest already declared at previous meetings.	
Item1 02.07.13 512/21	3. Car Park Trading Fund The Committee noted that background documents had been re-circulated to Members and that the terms of reference had been agreed. It was agreed that a map showing the eighty-seven car parks in Jersey was required. It was also agreed that details of the original intention and purpose of the States to establish a Car Park Trading Fund should be researched. It was further agreed that it was important to investigate the deficit of £18million by 2035.	JH
Item 8 10.06.13 512/22	4. Health Consultants The Committee considered a proposal that the hours worked by Health Consultants should be considered including the time they spent in theatre, both private and public. There was a suggestion that accessing tax returns might reveal the true earning of the consultants and this would need to be compared against base salaries and current waiting lists. The Committee was cognisant that its concerns were with the use of public funds and should, therefore, be focussing on public processes and not private ones.	

	<p>The Committee was advised that the Public Accounts Committee, House of Commons had recently published a report on managing NHS Consultants.</p> <p>It was agreed that this was a matter which warranted further investigation in terms of Information technology, administration, management and controls.</p> <p>The Committee decided that the limitations of the scope of the Internal Audit Advisory Report should be considered and further information ascertained on whether the hospital was performing the correct functions in terms of consultants. The Committee was apprised that it might be beneficial to consider the management and governance issues around whose facilities and resources were being used to treat private patients.</p> <p>It was agreed that Senator S.C. Ferguson would meet the officer to progress the scoping document and the terms of reference.</p>	SF
512/20	<p>5. Integrated Care Records</p> <p>The Committee was apprised that the Chairman had started reviewing the information received as she had concerns in respect of the funding of the project due to three differing figures having been provided. It was noted that the Business Case to justify the £12million funding had been requested in order to fully understand what the money was intended for.</p>	TV
512/1(8)	<p>6. Energy from Waste Plant</p> <p>The Committee considered apparent concerns in respect of the Energy from Waste Plant and the Comptroller and Auditor General was asked if she would be investigating the matter in terms of expenditure and Value for Money. The Committee was advised that it might be included in the forward work programme.</p>	
Item 7 10.06.13 512/18	<p>7. Canbedone</p> <p>The Committee recalled that, having considered the response from the Minister for Economic Development, it had requested two further specific pieces of information in respect of 9.33 and 10.33 of the report.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to write formally to the Chief Officer, Economic Development Department to request some specific information.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Chief Officer, Economic Development Department should be requested to attend a public hearing on 2nd September 2013 at 11.30am. The meeting, itself would start at 11.00am.</p>	MR
Item 8 10.06.13 512/19	<p>8. Grants and Subsidies</p> <p>The Committee noted that correspondence was being sent out to all Accounting Officers who had grants listed in the Annual Accounts. Confirmation was being sought that there was compliance with Financial Directions 5.1 and 5.5.</p>	

<p>Item 4</p> <p>10.06.13</p> <p>512/1(45)</p>	<p>9. Gigabit Jersey</p> <p>The Committee considered a suggestion that it should accept an offer of a visit to the Jersey Telecom offices but this did not receive Committee support.</p> <p>It was noted that the Comptroller and Auditor General intended to consider shareholder/company relationships which would consider solely public funds and would not become involved in decision-making practices of the company.</p> <p>It was agreed that the matter be deferred until a response from the Treasurer of the States had been received following an earlier briefing with her on this matter.</p>	
<p>512/1(8)</p>	<p>10. Comptroller and Auditor General [C&AG]: briefing</p> <p>The Committee noted that the C&AG had published her first report; that it was planned for her website to go live in August and a new staff member would start on 1st September 2013.</p> <p>The Committee also noted that a twelve month rolling programme was to be devised and would be forwarded to the Committee through the Officer.</p>	
	<p>11. Future Meeting</p> <p>The Committee agreed that the next meeting would take place on 12th August 2013 in the Blampied Room. Mr. J. Mills advised of his unavailability and sent his apologies.</p>	<p>MR</p>