

Public Accounts Committee

Record of Meeting

Date: 30th September 2013

Meeting No: 34

Present	Deputy T. Vallois, Chairman Senator S.C. Ferguson Deputy R. Rondel Deputy G.C.L. Baudains Mr. I. Ridgway Mr. R. Parker
Apologies	Mr. J. Mills
Absent	
In attendance	Mrs K .McConnell, Comptroller and Auditor General Mrs K. Tremellen-Frost, Scrutiny Manager (for item 1) Mr. M. Robbins, Officer to the Public Accounts Committee Mr. I Clarkson, Acting Officer to the Public Accounts Committee Ms. P. Brown, Scrutiny Officer

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	1. Records of Meetings The records of meetings held on 2nd and 6th September 2013 were approved and signed.	
512/18	2. Canbedone Productions Limited Grant The Chairman reported that she had written to the Treasurer of the States seeking confirmation of the status of a relevant internal audit and, further, that she had been advised informally that Canbedone Productions Limited expected to start filming on 4th October 2013. The Committee noted the position.	
	3. Conflicts of Interest No conflicts of interest were declared in respect of the Committee's agenda for 30th September.	
Item 7 02.09.13 512/1(46)	4. Financial Report and Accounts 2012: Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General [C&AG] The Committee noted correspondence, dated 23rd September 2013, from the Treasurer of the States. Having further noted that the Comptroller and Auditor General planned to prepare a related briefing paper for the Committee, the Committee resolved to give further consideration to the matter at its next scheduled meeting.	C&AG
Item 8 02.09.13	5. R.77/2013 "The Office of Comptroller & Auditor General [C&AG] and Public Audit in Jersey"	

1443/10 (57)	<p>The Committee noted a report summarising the outcome of a meeting between the Chief Minister and the Chairman of the Committee concerning actions to be taken in response to the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General entitled: 'Public Audit in Jersey.' In particular it noted that the Chief Minister had agreed to lift from the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2005 provisions relating to the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General and to pursue the drafting of standalone legislation, responsibility for which would rest with the Chief Minister.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that the Chairman should seek confirmation from the Chief Executive, States of Jersey that the above was being pursued and confirmation of the relevant timescale for drafting.</p>	Chairman
512/1(8)	<p>6. Comptroller and Auditor General: Preparation of Briefing Notes</p> <p>The Committee noted and endorsed a proposal of the Comptroller and Auditor General that the Committee be provided with a summary briefing note, to be produced by the Jersey Audit Office, on future reports produced by the Comptroller and Auditor General.</p>	C&AG
512/1(8)	<p>7. Comptroller and Auditor General: Recruitment of Affiliates and Provision of Specialist Assistance</p> <p>The Committee noted that recruitment of affiliates and identification of specialist individuals to assist with the progression of forthcoming reviews by the Comptroller and Auditor General was progressing well.</p>	
1443/10 (58)	<p>8. R.118/2013 - Management of Major Property Transactions - Learning from the proposed acquisition of Lime Grove House</p> <p>The Committee noted that R.118/2013 had been presented to the States by the Comptroller and Auditor General on 24th September 2013 and, further, that the report contained 17 recommendations concerning not only the management of major property transactions but also the management of all major projects across the States of Jersey.</p>	
<p>Item 4 02.09.13</p> <p>512/20</p>	<p>9. Integrated Care Records</p> <p>The Committee considered a report which summarised the outcome of a meeting held on 26th September and which had been attended by the Chairman and Mr. Parker. It endorsed a proposal to request that the Health and Social Services Department facilitate a tour of departmental premises and deliver a presentation concerning the integrated care records system.</p> <p>The Committee was mindful that the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General concerning management of property transactions (R.118/2013) highlighted the importance of taking certain actions to enhance the likelihood of a successful project. It was anticipated, should the Committee decide to launch a review of the integrated care records system, that it would wish to evaluate the project with direct regard to the best practice measures set out in R.118/2013.</p>	IC / PB

Item 1 512/21	10. Car Park Trading Fund The Committee agreed that, having completed its programme of public hearings, it was in a position to commence drafting a final report.	IC
Item 6 02.09.13 512/19	11. Grants and Subsidies The Committee considered and endorsed a report which proposed that the review be advanced by way of the following 4 case studies – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • quality milk payments (Economic Development Department) • energy efficiency service (Environment Department) • sports travel grants (Education, Sport and Culture Department) • Overseas grant aid (Overseas Aid Commission). The Committee, having provisionally agreed a revised target completion date of December 2013 for the review, resolved to revisit its ongoing work programme following delivery of the presentation and visit cited at item 7 above.	IC IC
512/1(29)	12. Esplanade Quarter: review proposal The Committee considered a report concerning correspondence received regarding the business case underpinning the planned construction, by the States of Jersey Development Company, of new office blocks on the Esplanade Square site, St. Helier. The Committee concluded that the issues raised appeared to fall more readily within the remit of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel. On that basis, the Committee noted that the Chairman of that Panel would review the correspondence received.	SF
	13. Future meetings 28th October 2013: Committee meeting, Blampied Room, 12.30pm-2.30pm.	