

Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Student Suspension Sub-Panel

PUBLIC SESSION

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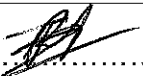
Date: 24th July 2009

Meeting Number: 1

Present	Deputy T M Pitman, Sub-Panel Chairman Deputy M Tadier, Sub-Panel Vice-Chairman Deputy J Maçon
Apologies	Connétable G Butcher
Absent	
In attendance	Miss S. Power, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p>1. Vice-Chairman:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sub-Panel appointed Deputy Tadier as the Vice-Chairman for this review. 	
	<p>2. Scoping Document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted the draft scoping document and approved for circulation to the full Education and Home Affairs Panel and Chairmen's Committee, subject to the requested changes. 	SP
	<p>3. Terms of Reference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted the draft terms of reference and approved for circulation to the full Education and Home Affairs Panel and Chairmen's Committee, subject to the requested changes. 	SP
	<p>4. Project Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sub-Panel noted the proposed project plan. 	
	<p>5. Expert Adviser:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sub-Panel agreed it wished to engage an expert adviser for this review. The Sub-Panel requested for the Scrutiny Officer to draft and circulate an amended budget to members making provision for the estimated cost of appointing an expert adviser. Requested for the Scrutiny Officer to conduct initial research both locally and in the UK regarding possible expert advisers for this review. 	SP SP
	<p>6. Hearings:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sub-Panel agreed that during the course of its review it would wish to hear from individual members of staff. • It was noted that the provisions of the Code of Practice enabled the Chief Officer to accompany an officer appearing before the Panel. • It was agreed that as some members of staff may wish to give evidence in private on an individual basis that the Sub-Panel should contact the Minister to request his understanding should this situation occur during the course of its review. 	SP
	<p>7. Suspension Data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was recalled that the Education and Home Affairs Panel had requested public access to suspension figures, to be broken down by schools. However it had been confirmed by the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture that it was not possible for this data to be made publicly available. • The Sub-Panel agreed it wished to request the Minister to reconsider his decision, as it was believed important for the progress of the Sub-Panel's review for this information to be discussed in the public domain. 	
	<p>8. Call for Evidence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sub-Panel approved the press release highlighting the remit of the Sub-Panel's review and inviting submissions from members of the public. • The Sub-Panel approved the draft call for evidence advert, subject to the requested amendments. • It was agreed that the Sub-Panel wished to advertise its review on Channel 103 and the Officer was requested to contact Channel 103 to ascertain how much this would cost. 	SP

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Date..... 14/9/2009