

Chairmen's Committee

Record of Meeting

Date: 9th June 2015

Present	Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré, President and Chairman, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel Deputy L.M.C. Doublet, Vice-President and Chairman, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel Deputy S.M. Brée, Vice-Chairman, Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel Deputy R. Renouf, Chairman, Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel Deputy S.M. Wickenden, Vice-Chairman, Public Accounts Committee (from Item 3)
Apologies	Connétable A.S. Crowcroft, Chairman, Environment, Housing and Technical Services Scrutiny Panel Deputy A.D. Lewis, Chairman, Public Accounts Committee Deputy S.M. Wickenden, Vice-Chairman, Public Accounts Committee (Items 1 and 2)
Absent	
In attendance	Mr T. Oldham, Scrutiny Manager

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	<p>1. Records of meetings</p> <p>The Committee approved the records of its meetings held on 29th April and 11th, 19th, 21st and 22nd May 2015, which were signed accordingly by the President.</p>	
465/4(14)	<p>2. Privileges and Procedures Committee: update</p> <p>The Committee considered a briefing paper on the deliberations of the above Committee.</p> <p>Following the resignation of Connétable J.E. Le Maistre as Chairman of the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel, a vacancy had arisen for the role of representative of the Chairmen's Committee on the Privileges and Procedures Committee that had been undertaken by the Connétable. It was agreed that consideration of the appointment of the representative should take place after the election of the Connétable's successor as Chairman of the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel on 16th June.</p>	
	<p>3. Activity Reports</p> <p>The Committee noted the Panel and Public Accounts Committee activity reports.</p> <p>It was further noted that a majority of Panels were encountering challenges in receiving access to information from the Executive or in receiving appropriate notification in respect of significant policy developments. It was agreed that this unsatisfactory situation would be raised by the President at his next meeting with the Chief Minister.</p> <p>It was further agreed that all Scrutiny members would be written to by</p>	

	<p>the President to remind them of their responsibilities with regard to documents received in confidence by Panels. Any breaches of such conditions would only serve to undermine the integrity of the Scrutiny process and add to the challenges faced by Panels to receive sensitive information as had been discussed previously by the Committee.</p>	
<p>19.05.15 Item 6</p> <p>513/45</p>	<p>4. Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP): Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel</p> <p>The Committee was informed by the Chairman of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel that the Council of Minister's current timetable for the lodging of the MTFP was under pressure, with consequences on the timetabling of the Panel's receipt of information for the purpose of its review. It was expected the timetable situation might become clearer after the upcoming debate on the <i>Public Finance (Jersey) Law 2005 – Amendment No.2</i>.</p> <p>The Panel was working with its advisers on a list of areas about which it would like to receive information from individual Panels in relation to the Department(s) within their remits, as agreed at the Committee's previous meeting.</p>	
<p>10.02.15 Item 10</p> <p>510/1(5)</p>	<p>5. Code of Practice for engagement, for the purposes of Scrutiny, between elected Members conducting Scrutiny and Ministers and Assistant Ministers</p> <p>The Committee noted that research was ongoing into the situation in other jurisdictions on matters relating to the compliance section of the draft Code.</p>	TO
<p>13.05.19 Item 6</p> <p>510/1(64)</p>	<p>6. Blackberries/mobile devices</p> <p>The Committee received an update from the Scrutiny Manager with regard to the options for Chairmen of Scrutiny Panels to be afforded parity with Ministers in regard of access to mobile devices in carrying out their roles. It had been established in liaison with Information Services that the two most suitable options available for the Chairmen were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If a Chairman owned a Smartphone, he/she could opt to have mobileiron made available. This was already covered by the States Greffe for all States Members at £60 per annum; 2. Alternatively, he/she could request a Blackberry in accordance with the current contract. Although this was likely to be discontinued shortly, the Chairmen's Committee agreed that it was important to gain parity as soon as possible, with the ability to move to the new system along with Ministers once this had been identified and activated by Information Services. A cap of £40 per month (based on rental (£19.50) + calls) would be invoked in line with the policy guiding use by Ministers. However, if a Chairman was away on Scrutiny business then a case could be made prior to departure that £40 may be exceeded, again in keeping with the policy for Executive Members. <p>The Committee agreed that the necessary administration should be undertaken in order that the options could be activated and taken up by Chairman as required.</p>	<p>TO</p> <p>TO</p>

<p>10.05.19 Item 7</p> <p>511/1(42)</p>	<p>7. Business Cards</p> <p>The Committee received an update from the Scrutiny Manager with regard to sourcing improved quality business cards. It was agreed that in the first instance a small trial of the highest quality card that could be used by the States Greffe Reprographics section would be undertaken. Should this trial be unsuccessful, quotes would be sought for the production of the cards from commercial printers.</p>	<p>TO</p>
	<p>8. Future Meeting</p> <p>It was noted that the next meeting date was 7th July 2015, 9.30am-11.30am, Le Capelain Room</p>	