

Environment Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: **8th March 2007.**

Meeting Number: **43**

Present	Deputy R.C. Duhamel (Chairman) (RD) Connétable K. A. Le Brun of St Mary (KB) Connétable A. S. Crowcroft (SC) Deputy S. Power (SP) Deputy P. V. F. Le Claire (PLC)
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr M. Robbins. Scrutiny Officer.(MR) Mr T. Oldham Scrutiny Officer

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<p>1.</p> <p>Item 11 22.02.07</p>	<p>Minutes of Previous Meetings</p> <p>The Panel discussed the minutes of the meetings held on 22nd February 2007 and 1st March 2007.</p> <p>The Panel questioned the accurate reflection of its decision making process outlined in the minutes of the two meetings with regard to the nature of its contribution to the Scrutiny Newsletter.</p> <p>Following the discussion, and with reference made to the notes of the meeting, the Panel agreed that the content of the minutes was accurate.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to amendments of wording that would be made prior to signing.</p> <p>RD. KB. SC. PLC. SP.</p>	<p>MR</p>
<p>2.</p> <p>Item 4b 22/02/07.</p> <p>Item 4c 22.02.07</p> <p>Item 5 22.02.07</p>	<p>Action Updates</p> <p>The Panel noted the response from the Planning and Environment Department to its question regarding the advert relating to groundwater monitoring advertised on Café Cyril.</p> <p>The Panel was advised that a representation from HMP La Moye was due to visit Maidstone Prison to view a prison recycling scheme. A letter to the Panel would follow this visit.</p> <p>The Panel was advised that the paper requested on the Transport and Technical Services Business plan would follow.</p> <p>The Panel noted that a hard copy of the EDAW Report was due</p>	<p>MR</p>

<p>Item 2 01.03.07</p>	<p>to be forwarded by the Planning Department the following week.</p>	<p>MR</p>
	<p>The Panel was advised that the Integrated Travel and Transport Plan workshop due to be held on 10th March had been cancelled. The Panel agreed to seek a meeting with the Minister for Transport and Technical Services regarding the plan.</p>	<p>MR</p>
<p>Item 9 22.02.07</p>	<p>The Panel noted that a draft Panel position paper for the Chairman's Committee would be prepared for discussion at the Panel meeting on 5th April.</p>	<p>MR</p>
	<p>The Panel noted a response from Deputy A. Pryke, Chairman of the Ecology Fund, in relation to the screening of 'An Inconvenient Truth', The item was to be placed on the agenda of the next Ecology Fund meeting,</p>	
<p>Item 3 01.03.07</p>	<p>The Panel noted that it had been represented by the Chairman at the Privileges and Procedures 'Machinery of Government Review' hearing on 6th March, who had conveyed the Panel's views.</p>	
<p>Item 6 01.03.07</p>	<p>The Panel expressed concern that the Chairmen's Committee was acting <i>ultra vires</i> regarding its rôle in the development of the Scrutiny Newsletter. The Panel believed that under Standing Orders the remit for the newsletter should be with the Privileges and Procedures Committee. The Panel was informed that the Chairman was seeking legal clarification on the matter.</p>	<p>RD</p>
	<p>The Panel further expressed its concern about the rôle of the Public Engagement Group, and that its remit had developed to cover areas that were within that of the Chairmen's Committee.</p>	
	<p>RD. KB. SC. PLC. SP.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Design of Homes</p>	
<p>Item 14 22.02.07</p>	<p>The Panel received an oral update from Deputy S Power, focused on the options for regeneration of vacated office buildings in St Helier if plans for a financial district at the Esplanade Square site proceed.</p>	
	<p>The Panel noted that an offer had been received by the President of the Jersey Association of Architects to assist with the review.</p>	
	<p>The Panel noted that there were many topics that could be considered under the Design of Homes review but that consideration of further areas would delay its conclusion.</p>	
	<p>The Panel regarded the write up of the London and Vienna trips as a priority and suggested an exhibition at the Town Hall, although it noted that it had no Officer support for this. Whilst continuing to use innovative methods of informing the public about its work, the Panel acknowledged that there was also an expected format of formal presentation.</p>	<p>MR</p>
	<p>The Panel expressed concern that it had insufficient Officer</p>	<p>RD</p>

	<p>support, which contributed to delays to the review, and that the situation must be resolved. The Chairman would speak to the Scrutiny Manager.</p> <p>RD. KB. SC. PLC. SP.</p>	
<p>4.</p> <p>Item 4 01.03.07</p>	<p>Waste</p> <p>The Panel noted the question by Deputy G C L Baudains that was to be tabled in the States on Tuesday 13th March 2007. The Panel considered the draft response to this and accepted amendments by Connétable A S Crowcroft. The amended version would be circulated to the Panel for further consideration.</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of the first section of its report and offered no amendments at that stage. The Panel expressed appreciation of the standard of the draft first section. It agreed to individually consider the draft further and to submit feedback to the Lead Officer to collate. Further figures relating to the island's waste stream were expected from the Transport and Technical Services Department.</p> <p>The Panel was informed that work was continuing on the second section of the waste report.</p> <p>The Chairman gave an oral update on the recyclable percentages of household waste and the Panel noted that, with the imminent arrival of a new ferry operator, there would shortly be shipping capacity available that would enable significantly increased levels of recycling in the island.</p> <p>Following a discussion about the safety of La Collette and its future use, a letter would be forwarded to the Minister for Planning and Environment requesting the long term strategic plans for La Collette, including port reorganisation and safety zones for the LPG plant and other businesses and proposed industrial plants.</p> <p>RD. KB. PLC. SP.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>RD. KB. SC. PLC. SP. MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Planning Advice Note No. 1: The Design of New Homes</p> <p>The Panel noted a response from the Jersey Environment Forum to the Planning and Environment Minister's <i>Planning Advice Note No. 1: The Design of New Homes.</i></p> <p>RD. KB. PLC. SP.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Draft Water Resources Law 200-</p> <p>The Draft Water Resources Law 200- was noted by the Panel and requested to be placed on the Agenda for the following meeting.</p> <p>RD. KB. PLC. SP.</p>	<p>MR</p>
<p>7. Item 7</p>	<p>Work Programme</p>	

22.02.07	The draft work programme was distributed to the Panel. The Panel agreed the work programme as set out in the paper. RD. KB. PLC. SP.	
8.	2006 Budget The Panel noted documents relating to the 2006 budget and raised questions in a number of areas. Clarification would be given on some of the issues at the following meeting. RD. KB. PLC. SP.	MR
9.	Future Meetings The Panel noted that its next meeting would be held on Thursday 22 nd March 2007. RD. KB. PLC. SP.	
10.	Scrutiny Office Administration Assistant The Panel discussed proposals for establishing funding for a new administration post within the Scrutiny Office. The Panel did not reach a decision regarding the post or the method of its funding. RD. KB. PLC. SP.	
11. Item 3 01.03.07	Assistant Ministers The Panel was advised about the responsibilities and liabilities of an Assistant Minister when delegated duties by a Minister, and on occasion when a Minister was indisposed. RD. KB. PLC.	
12. Item 5 22.03.07	Energy Policy The Panel considered the Minister for Transport and Technical Services Energy Policy. The Panel was advised that the Chairman had received four energy policy papers under confidentiality. The Panel agreed that a request would be made for receipt of an early draft of the final document RD. KB. PLC.	MR

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Chairman
Deputy R.C. Duhamel