

# Scrutiny Office

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Dear Chief Minister,

## **Chairmen's Committee**

### **Future Hospital Review Panel**

I write to inform you that the Chairmen's Committee has established a Review Panel in order to review the Future Hospital Project. We are aware that the Future Hospital Project crosses over the Health and Social Services Department, Treasury and Resources Department and Department of Infrastructure therefore we are addressing this letter to you and will copy in the relevant Ministers in order to ensure all parties receive the same information.

### **Review Panel Membership**

The Review Panel comprises Members from both the Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel and the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel. Both Panels have undertaken previous reviews into the Future Hospital Project. I have been appointed Chairman and Deputy Richard Renouf is Vice-Chairman. Other Members include:

Deputy John Le Fondré Deputy Terry McDonald Deputy Kevin Lewis Senator Sarah Ferguson

#### **Terms of Reference**

Although we await a formal proposition(s) to be put to the Assembly, the Review Panel has discussed possible Terms of Reference which remain in draft form for the time being. These are as follows:

- 1. To examine the Outline Business Case documentation and the 5 case model:
  - a. The Strategic Case
  - b. The Economic Case
  - c. The Commercial Case
  - d. The Financial Case
  - e. The Management Case
- 2. To establish how services provided within the future hospital fit into the wider health profile

- 3. To determine the flexibility of the new hospital in relation to future demand
- 4. To consider the decision-making process in relation to the funding proposals with particular reference to the level of identified expenditure (£466 million)
- 5. To assess the appropriateness of the funding proposals and any associated risks

In accordance with Paragraph 8.4 of the *Code of Practice for Scrutiny Panels and the Public Accounts Committee*, we would welcome any initial comments you (or other Ministers) might have on the Terms of Reference by Tuesday 22nd August.

#### **Timescale**

We understand that there will be two Propositions – one for the Outline Business Case and one for the funding proposals which are due to be lodged on 3rd October and debated on the 14th November. I'm sure you can appreciate that it is an extremely tight timescale for such a major review, and although we haven't discussed it in depth, we do hope to be in a position to issue a report before the debate date. In that regard it is imperative we receive full support from the Departments when we request information, briefings or Hearings.

Therefore, we would be very grateful if the following information can be provided by the Executive:

- An advance copy of the Proposition concerning the Outline Business Case and any accompanying papers such as an updated Gleeds report and any relevant Council of Ministers briefing papers.
- 2. An advance copy of the Proposition concerning the funding proposals and any background reports and briefing papers.
- 3. With regards to the funding proposals, could the Review Panel be provided with an initial indication as to what form the proposals will take? Will they be similar to the proposals put forward in P.130/2016?

The early provision of the above information will enable us to commence our work immediately, rather than being constrained by the tight timescale of the lodging period. It will also enable us to engage our expert advisors at an early stage. In this regard, we anticipate appointing Concerto and Opus as our advisors.

We will be seeking additional information from the Departments in due course and I will ask the Scrutiny Office to liaise with your Department about our requests for information and about arrangements for any Public Hearings.

We look forward to working with you and thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

Deputy S.M. Brée Chairman

Future Hospital Review Panel

CC: Minister for Health and Social Services
Minister for Treasury and Resources
Minister for Infrastructure