

**Environment Scrutiny Panel
Meeting No. 27**

19th October 2006

Le Capelain Room, States Building

Public Session

(These minutes also have a Private Session section)

Present Deputy R.C. Duhamel (Chairman)
Deputy G.C.L. Baudains (Vice Chairman)
Connétable K. A. Le Brun of St Mary
Deputy S. Power

Apologies Deputy Le Hérissier

Absent

In attendance M. Robbins, Scrutiny Officer

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1. Item 1. 21/09/06	Minutes Minutes for the 24 th August, 7 th September and 21 st September were confirmed and signed.	
2. (Item 5, 07/09/06) (Item 2 21/09/06) (Item 6 21.09.06) (Item 6 21.09.06)	Matters arising In relation to the Planning Review correspondence with the Attorney General, the Panel noted that a comprehensive answer had been received which fully answered the questions. The issue would be dealt with in the review report. The letter previously required from the Chairman to Deputy Baudains was no longer required as the issues had been resolved. Deputy Baudains informed the Panel that although he was frustrated by certain Panel working practices, mainly the lack of a contract with the Parish Of St Helier relating to the Zero Waste Trial, he wanted to continue working with the Panel. The Chairman thanked him for his valued work and continued support. Deputy Baudains withdrew the e-mail 'Panel – Management of Issues'. The letter to be sent to supermarkets, regarding the use of composted food waste on farm land, had not been sent as the Chairman had secured a document outlining the requirement that PAS100 was being met which seemed to satisfy the requirements of the supermarkets. The supermarkets would be contacted to seek confirmation of their position. The Panel agreed that all members would accept the invitation to visit the Prison in relation to composting. A discussion took place on the extent of advice that the Panel should be offering to other departments and members of the public. The Panel was of a mind that it should not have to be involved in such work, but that it would remain involved until the Transport and Technical Services Department adopt that role. The Panel considered that it was essential that someone take the lead role in presenting information to the public relating to composting.	RD MR
3.	Items to note.	

	<p>The Panel noted that as a result of an approach from the Chairman, Ministerial decision documents would now be accompanied by the background documents which formed the basis for the Ministerial decision. It was accepted that this was a great improvement and would allow a deeper understanding of why decisions had been made.</p>	
4	<p>P/2005/175: Field 40, and La Trielle, Rue du Maupertuis, St Clement</p> <p>In consideration of a ministerial decision relating to the development of Field 40 and La Trielle, the Panel noted a clause requiring, “the developer to contribute the sum of £50,000 for the purposes of infrastructure, public art and/or public amenity in or within the vicinity of the site, to be determined by the Minister, instead of a specific requirement to contribute the same amount of money for the purpose of highway safety initiative, as determined by the Planning Applications Panel.” It was considered that this money would be recovered by the developer through an additional burden on the first time buyer homes within the project. Comments were to be drafted in relation to this decision.</p>	GB/MR
5	<p>P75/2006:Fields 190 – 192, St Brelade – Minister’s Response.</p> <p>The Panel noted the response for presentation to the States by the Minister for Planning and Environment relating to P75/2006.</p>	
6 (Item 10 16/02/06)	<p>Deep Ground Water.</p> <p>The Panel considered a presentation by Deputy Baudains relating to deep ground water, in which he showed charts, he explained that he had followed underground streams, by means of water divining from Jersey to the French coast. He had plotted the direction of the flow and could show how it left the French coast at a point near Point D’Agnon (about ten miles north of Granville) and flowed approximately north-west to a point in the Royal Bay of Grouville near Le Hurel Slip. All GPS waypoints were supplied.</p> <p>Deputy Baudains also submitted a paper outlining the flaws he had noted, with the test drilling of the bore hole at La Rocque, including issues with the flow rate measurements, and differentiation between French and Jersey water.</p> <p>The Panel noted that no response had been received from Sénateur Legrand Président Conseil Général de la Manche, in reply to a letter sent on 9th March 2006 requesting information on deep ground water in the Bay of Mont St Michel. This matter was to be followed up to establish a response. A response may have been sent to Deputy Ferguson in error confirmation would be sought..</p>	MR
7 (Item 3 01/06/06)	<p>Homes and Lifestyle Exhibition.</p> <p>Following a Panel decision on 1st June 2006 to run a stall at the Homes and Lifestyle Exhibition, a discussion paper was presented to finalise the arrangements for the stall. It was noted that £988 had been paid for the stall. The Panel decided that the stall would present information relating to the Waste and Design of Homes reviews along with copies of previous Scrutiny and</p>	

	<p>Shadow Scrutiny reports.</p> <p>The Panel confirmed that the wording for the advertisement was in order and that stick-on badges were to be obtained. The wording was to be finalised via email. The sum of £115 was agreed for badge printing.. A further £500 was approved for professional printing.</p> <p>The Panel deferred the arrangement of the rota for manning the stall. The officer was to contact Members at a later date to resolve that issue.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p>
8	<p>Planning Process Review</p> <p>The Panel noted a progress report relating to the review. The heads of report had been drafted and were under consideration. Work would continue on the report upon the allocated Officers return. The Scrutiny Manager would to be contacted to ensure that the officer was provided with the necessary time to complete the Panel report.</p>	<p>RD</p>
9	<p>Design of Homes Review</p> <p>The Panel received a written progress report and presentation relating to the fact finding visit to London, from the Lead Member of the Design of Homes review, Deputy S. Power. It was agreed that the visit had produced valuable information for the review although there was discussion regarding the relevance to Jersey of sites visited. The Panel discussed modular construction and roofs.</p> <p>The Panel considered a paper entitled 'Evaluation of Panel evidence-gathering sessions', which addressed the information gathered from the London visit and what further information would be needed for the review.</p> <p>Further information would be required in relation to waterfront areas, tower blocks and issues relating to social housing. The Panel discussed whether the information was available in the island and was of the opinion that it was not. It considered that attempting to examine housing via the internet or through brochures was not satisfactory and that the London visit had demonstrated the value of the Panel undertaking a visit.</p> <p>The Panel considered that a further visit would meet the following objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To examine sustainability and regeneration in waterfront, social and private housing. 2. Establish current practises elsewhere for room sizes, and car parking issues. 3. To examine the use of utility areas. 4. To understand the innovation mindset within social housing. <p>The Panel examined the proposal for visiting Malmo in connection with the waterfront issues and an innovative tower block, then Vienna to view social housing and innovative regeneration of buildings. The costings provided to the Panel for the visit were based on one day in each area but the Panel decided that two</p>	

	<p>days in each would be required. The cost of the visit was discussed and considered to be essential to the review and cost effective if the visits were combined. An invitation would be extended to the Ministers for Housing and Environment and Planning to join the Panel on the visit.</p> <p>The Panel decided that the visit should proceed and £1000 per Panel Member and Officer was authorised. The full arrangements were to be made and invitations were to be sent to the Ministers who would be required to meet their own costs. The visit was scheduled for the 15th to 20th November 2006.</p> <p>The Panel noted the level of preparation required to the visit and authorised the expenditure of £1000 for a dry run to be undertaken by Mr. D. Mason.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that Mr Derek Mason had the required subject knowledge and the experience to arrange a productive visit. Mr. Mason had confirmed that he would accompany the Panel and prepare the visit on an expenses basis, the Panel accepted his offer.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>MR</p>
<p>10 (Item 9 21/09/06)</p>	<p>Waste Review Airport Display</p> <p>In response to the Panels decision of 21st September 2006, a static exhibition had been held in the Departure Hall of Jersey Airport between Monday 25th September and Sunday 1st October. The Panel considered a written report explaining that the display had comprised of three sections, glass, rubber and textiles with one side of the display showing the waste product and the other showing the recycled product. Numerous documents had been created and displayed with information on the respective waste streams. A book for comments had been available and the entries had been very favourable. The Panel considered that this had been a worthwhile venture and thanked the officer for the work undertaken to produce the display. The photographs taken of the display were to be placed on a disc and circulated to the Panel.</p> <p>Deputy Power suggested that a similar display be presented in shipping containers, in the Royal Square at some time later in the year. The Officer was tasked with establishing the cost and practicalities of such an exhibition.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>MR</p>
<p>11 (Item 6 29/06/06)</p>	<p>Waste Review Glass Implosion Machine</p> <p>The Panel received a verbal update from the Chairman on the Krystaline glass implosion machine.. The Lieutenant Governor, Lieutenant General Andrew Peter Ridgway had been given a demonstration of the machine which was used by the Parish of St Helier within their Zero Waste Trial. The Parish was using the glass product within its Parks and Gardens Scheme.</p> <p>The Panel was advised that the hire period for the machine had expired and that the company had a purchaser for the equipment, the company approached the Chairman to release or extend the hire period of the machine for a further months. The Chairman took the decision to hire the machine for a further month at a cost of £250. The Panel received advice relating to retrospective payments of this nature and agreed that best practice for</p>	

	accounting purposes had not been followed. The Panel decided however, that the further hire of the unit was justified and authorised payment of the £250 fee.	RD
13	<p>Waste Review Fact Finding Visit.</p> <p>The Panel considered documentation relating to a Material Reclamation Facility which was operating in Cardiff. The machine sorted recyclable products from the general waste stream. It cost £6m to build and was reported to be returning £100,000 from recycled goods each month. It was part of a computerised collection system and was of considerable interest to the review.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that a fact finding trip to this facility would offer evidence to terms of reference 2,3 and 5 for the review and that the expected value could not be gained through brochures or other means.</p> <p>It decided to invite the company to Jersey to make a presentation however; the Panel would visit the plant first to confirm exactly what it offered,.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that £300 per person should be allocated. Participation would be decided at a later date.. The necessary arrangements were to be made.</p>	MR
12 (Item 7 18/05/06)	<p>Waste Review Advisor Contract</p> <p>The Panel noted that the contract engaging Professor C. Coggins had expired and authorised a letter to extend the time within the contract to February 2007. There were no cost implications or other alterations to the contract from this decision.</p>	MR
13	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Waste Strategy Steering Group Meeting.</p> <p>Following an invitation for the Panel to attend a meeting of the Waste Strategy Steering Group (WSSG), it was decided that more information on the meetings agenda was required. It was understood that the WSSG wished to discuss a report submitted by Deputy Le Claire on Composting in Jersey and a document that had previously be requested by WSSG from Deputy Duhamel relating to the use of specific companies for Composting in the Island. The Panel considered attendance and decided that the Chairman should make the decision when the agenda had been confirmed.</p> <p>Petty Cash for Panel</p> <p>Following on from the discussion about the Krystaline glass imploding machine, the Panel gave consideration to the lack of availability of small amounts of cash for Panel related business without referral to a Panel decision. It was considered that this restriction was a hindrance to the work Members were trying to undertake and whilst understood to be “best accounting practice”, it made the process very cumbersome.</p> <p>The following items were deferred to the next meeting -</p>	

	<p>A letter from the director of Planning relating to the letter of 20th September relating to Weighbridge area.</p> <p>A report on Archaeology and Planning from the Planning and Environment Department.</p>	
14	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next scheduled meeting for 26th October was cancelled and the date of the next meeting now set for 9.30pm on Thursday 2nd November 2006 in the Le Capelain Room.</p>	