

Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 23rd April 2012

Meeting No: 9

Present	Deputy J. M. Maçon, Chairman Connétable M. P. S. Le Troquer, Vice Chairman Connétable S. W. Pallett
In attendance	M. Haden, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p>1. Minutes</p> <p>The Minutes of the meetings held on 12th March 2012 were approved as a true record and signed accordingly.</p>	
<p>Item 2 12.03.12 516/1(44)</p>	<p>2. Work Programme</p> <p>The Panel received an update report from the Scrutiny Officer on its work programme.</p>	
<p>Item 2 09.02.12 516/1(51)</p>	<p>3. Quarterly hearing with Minister for Home Affairs</p> <p>The Panel received notes of the Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for Home Affairs on 22nd March 2012 and noted related correspondence from the Assistant Minister for Home Affairs, dated 30th March 2012, and the Minister, dated 16th April 2012.</p> <p>The Panel was concerned at the level of uncertainty regarding certain CSR projects and whether the target savings set for 2013 were achievable without significant effect on frontline services. Members agreed that further discussions were necessary in order to better understand the context and difficulties faced by the department.</p>	
<p>Item 7 12.03.12 516/29</p>	<p>4. Review of issues surrounding the financial management of Operation Rectangle</p> <p>The Panel considered the independent legal advice which had been received by the Chairmen's Committee in relation to the publication of a redacted version of the transcript of the public hearing with Mr. S. Syvret in October 2011.</p> <p>The Panel noted the view of the Chairmen's Committee that the transcript should be redacted to remove any inappropriate and irrelevant statements and that the Panel should ensure that whatever remained was applicable to the Terms of Reference of the review and determine whether there was sufficient remaining evidence which merited publication.</p> <p>Having considered the transcript and the redactions as agreed by the previous Sub Panel, members agreed to endorse the decision of the previous Sub Panel.</p> <p>Having also noted the serious nature of the allegations made by Mr.</p>	

	Syvret, the Panel agreed to request assurance from the Law Officers that the matters had been fully investigated.	
Item 9 09.02.12 516/27	5. Camera Surveillance – topic proposal The Panel considered and approved in principle a draft scoping document for a review of camera surveillance and requested the Scrutiny Officer to identify a suitable adviser to assist with this review.	MH
Item 8 12.03.12 516/32	6. Tasers: Proposed introduction into the Island The Panel noted and approved the schedule of witnesses for the public hearings on 27th April 2012. Members agreed to meet on Thursday 26th April to consider the Question Plan for the public hearings	
Item 11 09.02.12 516/5(15)	7. Jersey Fire and Rescue Service – consultation feedback The Panel considered a briefing paper from the Scrutiny Officer and noted that further clarification had been requested of the response of the Service to the consultation feedback	
Item 3 09.02.12 516/1(51)	8. Quarterly hearing with Minister for Education, Sport and Culture The Panel received the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture for its first quarterly Briefing with the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture. Members noted that the Minister had been unable to update the Panel on his department's plans in relation to meeting its targets for the Comprehensive Spending Review. However, he was due to make a presentation to the Council of Ministers on the pressures facing the department. Members requested a briefing from the Minister as soon as possible thereafter. Members noted the increasing numbers of young people attending courses at Highlands as well as the success of programmes such as Advance to Work. Members agreed to request further information from the Minister on student numbers at Highlands and on his plans to develop apprenticeship schemes. Members also requested information on the Minister's plans for funding for sports grants in 2013.	MH MH
	9. Date of next meeting Members noted that a briefing had been arranged with the department on 11th May 2012 on the Social Inclusion report commissioned in 2009.	