

# Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

10th February 2016

Present	Deputy S.M. Brée, Chairman Deputy D. Johnson, Vice-Chairman Connétable J.E. Le Maistre Connétable M.J. Paddock
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr. M. Orbell, Scrutiny Officer

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	<b>1. Records of meetings</b>  The Minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2016 were approved and signed.	<b>MO</b>
<b>Item 2 27.01.16  515/34</b>	<b>2. Northern Ferry Route</b>  The Panel discussed the outcomes of a private briefing with the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture (ED, TS&C) on 27th January 2016. It was agreed that further information about customer satisfaction ratings, the forthcoming Comprehensive Service Review (CSR) and the position of Guernsey in respect of the CSR and the overall operating agreement would be requested in a follow-up letter to the Minister.	<b>MO</b>
<b>Item 2 16.11.15  515/1/1(6)</b>	<b>3. Quarterly public hearings</b>  It was agreed that following the transfer of the Digital, Competition and Innovation functions to the Chief Minister's department, separate quarterly hearings would be needed with the Assistant Chief Minister with responsibility for those areas to enable the Panel to monitor relevant developments effectively. Regular quarterly hearings with the Minister for ED, TS&C would continue as before. It was agreed that the Minister should be invited to attend for this purpose on 2nd March 2016, while the Scrutiny Officer would enquire whether a first hearing with the Assistant Chief Minister could be arranged for the day of the Panel's next scheduled meeting on 20th April. A suitable programme of subsequent meetings could then be drawn up for the rest of the year.	<b>MO</b>
<b>Item 3 27.01.16  515/35</b>	<b>4. Licensing Law</b>  The Panel discussed the public consultation document released by the department on 5th February. It was confirmed that the Licensing Law would be the Panel's first review in 2016. It was agreed that ideally the Panel would like to be informed of responses as the consultation progressed, so that public hearings or meetings with key consultees and Ministers could be arranged as soon as possible. This would facilitate the early completion of the review, potentially enabling a report to be presented before law drafting instructions were finalised by the department.	<b>MO</b>

	<p>The Panel agreed that it would not engage an adviser for the review in the first instance. It was noted that in addition to information from Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture, the review would require liaison with other departments normally outside the Panel's remit (including Health and Social Services, Community and Constitutional Affairs, Chief Minister's, possibly Education), and some consideration of legislation from other jurisdictions. The Scrutiny Officer was asked to begin scoping the review following the meeting.</p>	<p><b>MO</b></p>
	<p><b>5. Forthcoming meetings</b></p> <p>Next scheduled Panel meeting: 9.30am on 2nd March 2016, Blampied Room, States Building</p>	<p><b>MO</b></p>