

Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

10th June 2015

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

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	<p>1. Records of meetings</p> <p>The Minutes of the meetings held on 20th and 22nd May were approved and signed.</p>	MO
<p>Item 2 22.05.15 515/32</p>	<p>2. Ports of Jersey Incorporation</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it should include a follow-up review of the Ports of Jersey Limited in its work programme in some 18 months' time, to assess progress after Incorporation. In the meantime the Panel would keep a watching brief on matters raised during the present review, for example appointments to the Board, and monitor relevant activity such as Planning applications. An offer from the department to provide early access to the draft regulations was noted, and the Panel agreed that this should be followed up.</p> <p>There had been no contact from staff unions since they were informed of the Group Chief Executive Officer's offer to the Panel to protect staff terms and conditions for one year following Incorporation. It was assumed that negotiations may have resumed, but the Panel would take no further part.</p> <p>The advisers had indicated that their final invoice for the review should not greatly exceed the agreed contract sum, as additional work requested had not required a large number of hours. Due to staff holidays the invoice would be ready in about a fortnight.</p>	<p>MO</p> <p>MO</p> <p>MO</p>
515/1/1(1)	<p>3. Work programme</p> <p>The Panel discussed a draft list of possible review topics, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) - due to be lodged by 30th June. The Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel was expected to carry out a high-level review of the entire MTFP, with individual Panels contributing comments in their areas • Transfer of functions - the Scrutiny Officer was asked to request details of any background work carried out in preparation for this in areas affecting the Panel's remit 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condor Ferries - the Panel discussed whether a review of the company's licence terms and Service Level Agreement might be appropriate, given recent public complaints and political concerns about the service on the northern route following the introduction of the Condor Liberation. It was agreed that more information was needed before any decision could be made • Rural Economy Strategy (RES) - the Scrutiny Officer was asked to request background information. Members were concerned that if the draft RES was not lodged until September, as suggested at a recent quarterly hearing, this might not leave sufficient time for meaningful Scrutiny input or a review • Visit Jersey - the Panel agreed that a briefing on the new organisation and an opportunity to meet with senior management would be helpful, although this could wait until later in the year if plans for 2016 were still under discussion 	MO
	<p>4. Forthcoming meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next scheduled Panel meeting: 9.30am on 1st July 2015, Blampied Room, States Building 	MO