

Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 16th March 2009
Meeting 7

Present	Deputy M.R. Higgins, Chairman Deputy C.F. Labey, Vice-Chairman Deputy S. Pitman Deputy D.J.A. Wimberley (Items 6, 8-12) Deputy J.M. Maçon
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr. S. Le Quesne, Scrutiny Officer Mr. T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer

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	1. Records of Previous Meetings The Panel approved the record of its meeting of 2nd March 2009, which was signed accordingly.	
02/03/09, Item 6	2. Responses to Previous Reports The Panel noted receipt of papers from the Economic Development Department in relation to its request for outstanding responses to the previous Economic Affairs Panel's reports. The Panel agreed that Members would consider the papers ahead of discussion at its next scheduled meeting.	Panel
	3. Licensing Law Review Consultation The Panel noted receipt of the Licensing Law Review Green Paper and accompanying documents.	
23/02/09, Item 2	4. Strategic Plan Green Paper The Panel noted receipt of the Strategic Plan Green Paper and deferred further consideration to its next scheduled meeting.	
02/03/09, Item 10	5. Jersey Finance Limited The Panel was advised by the officers that its request to the Department for Economic Development for the London Business School Report to be reclassified in such a way that only certain, commercially sensitive passages would be subject to a confidentiality agreement, had been declined. In response to the request, the Department had reiterated that it applied confidentiality clauses sparingly and only when it determined this to be absolutely necessary. The Panel agreed that the Chairman would receive the report, having previously signed a confidentiality agreement, in order to	TO/SLQ/ MH

	advise the Panel about the merit of the classification, although not about the specific content of the report. The Panel would subsequently decide whether to agree to the confidentiality of the report or further pursue reclassification.	
02/03/09, Item 19	<p>6. Meetings with Stakeholders</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would meet representatives from the Jersey Small Business Forum at 12:15 pm on Monday 30th March 2009.</p> <p>The Panel noted correspondence to the Jersey Farmers Union and the Royal Jersey Agricultural and Horticultural Society. The Panel agreed that it would re-contact the JFU and RJA&HS in order to suggest more suitable meeting dates to those originally proposed.</p>	TO/SLQ
02/03/09, Item 11 515/15	<p>7. Tourism Public Private Partnership</p> <p>The Panel received a briefing paper from the review's lead officer. The Chairman informed the Panel that he had received a letter from the Chief Executive of the Jersey Hospitality Association, which he would forward to the officers for distribution to the Panel.</p> <p>The Panel approved, subject to minor amendment, the draft press release and call for evidence.</p> <p>The Panel was updated by the officer about ongoing work gathering background information on the Tourism Development Fund. Further to the ongoing work the Panel requested the officer to obtain, from the Department for Economic Development, a full list of the consultees that it had engaged during the development of the proposed Tourism PPP.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would meet to discuss the information received to date and its next steps on Monday 23rd March 2009.</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>SLQ</p> <p>SLQ</p>
02/03/09, Item 12	<p>8. Economic Stimulus Package</p> <p>The Panel discussed the status of its proposed review, noting that the draft package had yet to be received by Scrutiny despite requests from the Economic Affairs and Corporate Services Panels.</p> <p>The Panel discussed the potential overlap of its review with the work of the Corporate Services Panel on the matter, and the possibility that the two Panels could work together in an agreed format. It was noted that in turn this could affect the continuation of the Panel's own proposed review. The Chairman informed the meeting that it had been his understanding that a Sub-Panel of Corporate Services was due to be established on this issue and that an invitation to join that Sub-Panel would be extended to Members of the Economic Affairs Panel. The Panel was advised by the officers that at its recent meeting the Corporate Services Panel had agreed to undertake a review as a main Panel, as recorded in the minutes of that meeting. The Chairman contacted the Chairman of the Corporate Services Panel by telephone who advised that a final decision had yet to be made on how that Panel was to proceed.</p> <p>The Chairman agreed that he would pursue the matter further with the Chairman of the Corporate Services Panel and update the Panel accordingly.</p>	MH
02/03/09,	9. Rural Economy Strategy	

Item 14	The Panel noted background papers on the Rural Economy Strategy and the role of Jersey Product Promotions Limited. The Panel deferred further consideration to its meeting to be held on Monday 23rd March 2009.	
	<p>10. Ministerial Decisions</p> <p>The Panel noted that the following Ministerial Decision had been made by the Minister for Economic Development:</p> <p>1. Companies (Uncertificated Securities) (Amendment) (Jersey) Order 200-. (MD-E-2009-0032)</p>	
	<p>11. Questions to Ministers</p> <p>The Panel noted that the Minister for Social Security and the Chief Minister would answer questions without notice at the States sitting on 24th March 2009.</p>	
	<p>12. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted that it would be undertaking a site visit to the Economic Development Department on 30th March 2009, beginning at 9.30 am. This would be followed at 12.15 pm by a meeting with the Jersey Small Business Forum in Le Capelain Room, States Building.</p> <p>The Panel was informed by the Vice-Chairman that she would be unable to attend its meetings scheduled for 6th and 20th April 2009. The Panel requested that its list of scheduled meeting dates should be re-circulated in order that the Members might advise as to those meetings for which they would not be available.</p>	TO/SLQ

Signed

M.R. Higgins

Date:

20-4-2009

Chairman

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