

Chairmen's Committee

Record of Meeting

Date: 25.11.10
Meeting No: 64

Present	Senator B. E. Shenton, President Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier, Vice-President Senator S.C. Ferguson Deputy G. P. Southern Deputy P.J. Rondel Deputy M.R. Higgins
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mrs. K. Tremellen-Frost, Scrutiny Manager


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	1. Minutes The minutes of 28th October 2010, having been approved, were signed.	
	2. Panel Reports The Committee noted the Panel activity reports for the previous month.	
28.10.10 item 3 515/21(8)	3. Economic Affairs Scrutiny Sub-Panel: Jersey Post The Committee received an update from the Chairman of the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel and noted that, following an informal meeting of that Panel, the Jersey Post review would now continue. It was anticipated that the review would be concluded at the end of 2010 or early January.	
28.10.10 item5 515/19(8)	4. Economic Affairs Review of Jersey Airport The Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) had communicated with the Chairman of the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel in respect of the above review. The Chairman advised that the C&AG should proceed with this work immediately.	
517/5(8)	5. Health, Social Security and Housing: Long Term Care of the Elderly The Committee noted the contract for Mr. J. Forder who had been appointed to consider the Long Term Care for the Elderly White Paper. It was noted that Mr. Forder had previously advised the Panel on a review into this subject and that it was anticipated that this latest review would take six days.	
	6. Public Accounts Committee: comparative statistical data It was noted that the Comptroller and Auditor General was working on comparative data between Jersey and Guernsey. This would be	

	published once finalised.	
	<p>7. Public Accounts Committee: Departmental quarterly management accounts</p> <p>The Committee suggested that the Public Accounts Committee should request each department's quarterly accounts.</p>	
<p>28.10.10 item12 465/1(156)</p>	<p>8 Raising the profile of scrutiny reports</p> <p>The matter was deferred until the meeting of 16th December 2010.</p> <p>On a related matter, the Committee recalled that it had previously requested that all Scrutiny Members be given the opportunity of giving their own views on the proposal. The Committee considered the way in which the information from the Scrutiny Members/Panels on behalf of the Committee had been co-ordinated which had been to cascade the matter through the Scrutiny Officers to the Scrutiny Panels.. There was concern from the Chairman of the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel that his instruction to the Members of his Panel to contact him directly with their views had been circumvented by the Scrutiny Manager contacting Members directly. The Committee noted the methodology used by other Panels: discussing the matter at their meetings, Scrutiny Officers drawing up the response based on those discussions and then passing the information to the Scrutiny Manger to be conveyed to the Committee.</p> <p>The Committee also noted that it was individual Scrutiny Members' views which had been sought, as per the minute of 28th October 2010 and not consensus Panel views and that in future Members should be contacted individually as well as through Panels should Panels wish to discuss the matters.</p>	
<p>28.10.10 item 9 510/1(28)</p>	<p>9. HomeLife Show 2010: evaluation</p> <p>The Committee noted that the following Scrutiny Members had attended one or more sessions to man the Show:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Senator Ferguson Connétable Mezbourian Connétable Refault Deputy Southern Deputy Rondel Deputy Vallois Deputy Maçon Deputy Higgins Deputy Tadier</p> <p>It was noted that Deputy De Sousa had also volunteered but sent apologies as she was unable to attend due to ill health.</p> <p>It was noted that the cost for the Show including the stand was £4155.75 from a Committee approved budget of £6,000 for the display.</p> <p>Evaluation of the Show was deferred to the meeting of 16th December 2010 when it would be considered alongside the newsletter and public engagement activities in general.</p>	
23.09.10	10. Scrutiny Matters newsletter: responses to questionnaire	

<p>item 7 510/3(5)</p>	<p>It was noted that completed questionnaires continued to be received and there was now over a hundred responses. The aim of the questionnaire had been to gain a representational view from the public rather than a statistical one.</p> <p>This matter was deferred until the meeting of 16th December when all public engagement initiatives would be considered.</p>	
	<p>11. Ministerial Boards</p> <p>The Committee gave consideration to this prior to its meeting with the Council of Ministers when this would be discussed. It was noted that the Privileges and Procedures Committee was establishing a working party to consider the matter.</p>	
<p>465/1(4)</p>	<p>12. Chairmen's Committee representative on the Privileges and Procedures Committee</p> <p>The Committee noted that Deputy Higgins, the current representative of the Chairmen's Committee on PPC, wished to stand down. The Committee agreed that it would wish to nominate Deputy Southern as the representative for the Committee and the Scrutiny Manager would seek advice on the procedures to follow in order to progress this.</p>	<p>KTF</p>
	<p>13. Public Engagement</p> <p>The Committee considered the establishment of a working party to consider public engagement and agreed to defer the matter to a future meeting.</p>	
	<p>14. Date of next meeting</p> <p>It was agreed that the Committee should meet on 13th December 2010 at 3.00pm with the sole agenda item being staffing for scrutiny from 2011.</p>	

Signed

Date:



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Senator B. Shenton
President