

# Education & Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

## PUBLIC MEETING

### Record of Meeting

Date: 10th September 2007

Meeting 39

Present	Deputy D.W. Mezbourian, Chairman Deputy J. Gallichan, Vice-Chairman Deputy S. Pitman
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer Mr. T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer

Ref Back	Agenda matter	Action
<b>[04/09/07, Item 3]</b>	<p><b>1. Early Years</b> The Panel discussed its approach to <i>Annual Business Plan 2008: Amendment (P.93Amd/2007)</i> lodged by the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture. The Panel recalled its correspondence with the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture in which the Panel explained that it would not take part in the debate on <i>Annual Business Plan 2008 (P.93/2007): Amendment (P.93Amd/2007)</i> and would abstain from voting. The Panel agreed that this remained the appropriate course of action and that the merits of its Review would be maintained irrespective of the outcome of the debate.</p> <p>The Panel noted its approval by email on 6th September 2007 of the budget for travel arrangements for the expert adviser interviews that would be held on 14th September 2007.</p> <p>The Panel requested copies of <i>Changes in Children's Cognitive Development at the Start of School In England 2000-2006</i>.</p>	<b>TO</b>
<b>[04/09/07, Item 9]</b>	<p><b>2. Policing Of Events - User Pays</b> The Panel discussed its draft Terms of Reference for its Policing of Events – User Pays Review and agreed amendments. Further, it discussed the draft Scoping Document and agreed amendments. The Panel approved the outline budget for the Review.</p> <p>The Panel noted the oral question tabled by the Deputy of St Martin to be asked of the Minister for Home Affairs in the States Assembly on 11th September 2007, regarding the levying of user pays charges on the organisers of the Jersey Live event in September 2007. The Panel agreed to advise the Minister prior to the States sitting on 11th September 2007 of its decision to undertake the Review and the Terms of Reference. The Panel would also write to the Minister for Home Affairs to request a briefing on the subject of Policing of Events.</p> <p>The Panel further agreed to write to the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture, the Minister for Economic Development and the Chairman of the Economic Development Scrutiny Panel notifying them of its Review and informing them of the Terms of Reference. It would also be requesting a briefing from the Minister for Economic Development on the area of Event led Tourism.</p> <p>The Chairman advised the Panel that she had informed the Chairmen's Committee at its meeting on 7th September 2007 of the Panel's</p>	<p><b>WM</b></p> <p><b>WM</b></p> <p><b>WM</b></p>

	<p>decision to undertake a Scrutiny Review on the matter.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that the Officer should continue to work on the progression of the various aspects of the Review, including the preparation of the call for evidence, media release and arrangements for Public Hearings, for which the Panel identified and agreed some potential dates. Further background research would also be undertaken, including the situation in other jurisdictions.</p> <p>The Panel requested a copy of the relevant section of Hansard relating to the withdrawal of P94/2006.</p> <p>The Panel discussed the merits of the appointment of an expert independent adviser to assist the Review. It agreed that it would not be appointing an adviser at this moment but if necessary would review this decision at a future stage.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>
<p>[04/09/07, Item 10]</p>	<p><b>3. Annual Business Plan</b></p> <p>The Panel was advised about discussions on the Annual Business Plan that had taken place at the Chairmen's Committee meeting on 7th September 2007. The Officers were requested to check the format and update the Panel on the process for Panel reports that had been agreed at that meeting.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would not be possible at this stage to submit formal comments in advance of the Annual Business Plan debate that would commence on 18th September 2007, although it would contact the Education, Sport and Culture Department to seek clarification on some aspects of its Annual Business Plan.</p> <p>The Panel requested the Officers to investigate whether there was an opportunity for Members to access training on financial Scrutiny. The Panel further requested that the next <i>Strategic Plan - Progress Against Initiatives</i> report be placed on the agenda when available.</p>	<p>WM /TO</p> <p>WM/TO</p> <p>TO</p> <p>WM/TO</p>
<p>[04/09/07, Item 7]</p>	<p><b>5. Matters Arising</b></p> <p>The Panel was advised that Highlands College had been notified that the Panel would not be able to attend a site visit on previously suggested dates. The Panel would contact the College in due course to arrange an alternative date.</p> <p>The Panel requested the Officers to clarify the distribution procedure to Panels of Chairmen's Committee agendas, meeting briefing notes and records of meetings, and to update the Panel accordingly.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to write to Mr Andrew Williamson CBE to submit comments regarding its concerns over children absconding from Heathfield Children's Centre to his Review of child protection arrangements</p>	<p>DM</p> <p>WM/TO</p> <p>TO</p>
	<p><b>6. Ministerial Decisions</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that the following decision had been made by the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Student Grants Orders 2007 (MD-ESC-2007-0034)</i></li> </ul> <p>The Panel noted that the following decisions had been made by the Minister for Home Affairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Criminal Injuries Compensation Board - report and accounts for 2006 (MD-HA-2007-0052)</i></li> <li>• <i>Request for funding transfer for Change to phase 3 of the prison</i></li> </ul>	

	<p><i>redevelopment plan (MD-HA-2007-0055)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Request to increase the Prison establishment by two and a half Civil Servant posts (MD-HA-2007-0056)</i></li> <li>• <i>Police (Police Complaints and Discipline Procedure) (Amendment) L 200- (MD-HA-2007-0053)</i></li> <li>• <i>Police (Honorary Police Complaints and Discipline Procedure) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 200- (MD-HA-2007-0054)</i></li> </ul>	
	<p><b>7. Forthcoming Propositions</b>  The Panel noted the following propositions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Draft Criminal Justice (Community Service Orders)(Amendment) (Jersey) Law 200-</i></li> <li>• <i>Draft Police (Honorary Police Complaints and Discipline Procedure) (Amendment No.2)(Jersey) Regulations 200-</i></li> </ul> <p>The Panel raised concerns about <i>Draft Criminal Justice (Community Service Orders)(Amendment)(Jersey) Law 200- (P.110/2007)</i> and requested that potential questions be drafted and circulated to it.</p> <p>The Panel requested the Officers to research and report back to the Panel regarding its question relating to the original Police (Honorary Police Complaints and Discipline Procedure) (Jersey) Regulations 2000.</p>	<p><b>WM</b></p> <p><b>WM/TO</b></p>
	<p><b>8. Questions to Ministers</b>  The Panel noted that the Minister for Social Security and the Chief Minister would answer questions without notice at the States sitting of 11th September 2007.</p> <p>It also noted the question submitted by Deputy G C L Baudains of St Clement to the Minister for Home Affairs regarding TASER stun guns. The Minister was due to table an answer at the States sitting on 11th September 2007.</p> <p>The Panel further noted that the Minister for Home Affairs would answer questions without notice at the States sitting of 25th September 2007.</p>	
<b>[04/09/07, Item 4]</b>	<p><b>9. Rôle of the Centenier in the Magistrate's Court</b>  The Panel recalled its previous decision that Cooper Opinion was to be published following the presentation of the Panel's report. The Panel agreed to write to Mr Jonathan Cooper to advise him of its decision to insert a comment into the section of his Opinion regarding Parish Hall Enquiries.</p>	<b>WM</b>
	<p><b>10. Future Meetings</b>  The Panel noted that it would next meet at 9:15am on Friday 14th September 2007 in Le Capelain Room, States Building, to interview candidates for the position of Early Years expert adviser to the Panel during the course of its Review.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to meet at 9am on Monday 17th September at La Petite Ecole Fort Regent Day Nursery for a pre-arranged site visit of the facility, prior to a site visit of The Bridge at 10:30am. The site visits would be followed by a Panel meeting in Le Capelain Room, States Building, at 2pm.</p>	

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Chairman, Education & Home Affairs Panel