

Education & Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 5th March 2007
Meeting 16

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

Ref Back	Agenda matter	Action
[01/03/07, Item 1]	<p>1. GP-Out-Of-Hours Report</p> <p>The Panel noted that comments on the factual accuracy of the report had been received on 5th March 2007 from the Department of Health and Social Services. The Panel considered the comments and agreed to some of the amendments suggested by the Department. The report was subsequently approved, as amended. The Panel agreed that correspondence would be sent to the Department to indicate which suggested amendments had been agreed and to advise that the report would now be printed for presentation.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that the report would be presented to the States on 8th March 2007. It was agreed that States Members and the media would receive electronic copies of the report, under embargo, on 5th March 2007 (with hard copies to be despatched on 6th March 2007). The Panel further agreed to hold a media release at 2:00pm on 7th March 2007.</p> <p>The Panel requested that a time-line be drawn up to show the occasions on which the draft report had been distributed for comment as well as the responses that had been received to this distribution.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>
[19/02/07, Item 14e]	<p>2. Records of Previous Meetings</p> <p>The Panel requested clarification on the reference to the Youth Action Team in the record of its meeting of 19th February 2007. The Panel discussed and agreed further amendments. The amended record of the meeting would be presented for approval at the meeting on 2nd April 2007.</p> <p>The Panel approved the record of its meeting of 22nd February 2007</p>	WM
	<p>3. Action Updates and Matters Arising</p> <p>The Panel noted the actions undertaken on requests that it had made at its previous meetings.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that the Lieutenant-Governor would receive</p>	

[19/02/07, Item 10]	<p>a copy of all reports that it presented.</p> <p>The Panel requested that the Scrutiny website was checked to ensure that links to hearings held during the Centeniers Review were working.</p> <p>The Panel noted that the Chairman would be giving evidence to the Privileges and Procedures Sub-Committee that was undertaking a review of the first twelve months of Ministerial Government.</p>	<p>WM/TO</p> <p>WM/TO</p>
[19/02/07, Item 3]	<p>4. Panel Training</p> <p>The Panel noted the proposed itinerary for its visit to the UK Parliament. The Panel agreed that it would try to arrange further appropriate meetings away from Parliament to maximise its time in London. The Panel agreed that contact would be made with Lambeth Council to seek a meeting.</p> <p>The Panel discussed travel and hotel arrangements and requested the Officers to make further enquiries.</p>	<p>BH/TO</p> <p>TO</p>
[19/02/07, Item 6]	<p>5. Annual Report</p> <p>The Panel discussed and amended its draft submission to the Annual Report. The Panel's contribution would be submitted for inclusion once the agreed amendments had been made.</p>	<p>WM</p>
[19/02/07, Item 14c]	<p>6. Criminal Justice Policy</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of Pillar 9 of the Criminal Justice Policy and a request by the Minister for Home Affairs for its initial comments to be received at the soonest opportunity.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that Panel Members would read the document prior to a meeting on 15th March 2007 at which time it would be discussed further.</p>	<p>BH/DM/JG/SP</p>
	<p>7. Safer St Helier</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of <i>A Safer St Helier- Report to Council of Ministers</i> (14th December 2006) from the Department of Home Affairs. The Panel agreed that it would not seek to undertake a Review of the issue.</p>	
[19/02/07, Item 5]	<p>8. Higher Education Funding</p> <p>The Panel considered the merits of undertaking a Review on the issue of Higher Education Funding. It noted that clarification was required from the Department of Education, Sport and Culture on certain issues including the potential re-classification of Island students as Home Students and the proposed interest rate for the student loans scheme.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would not undertake a review of this topic but that it would continue to monitor the development of the policy on Higher Education Funding and that it would produce a statement on its position.</p>	<p>JG/SP</p>
[19/02/07, Item 7]	<p>9. Early Years</p> <p>The Panel noted that the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture would present an Early Years report to the Council of Ministers on 1st March 2007 and instructed the Officers to contact the Minister to request a copy.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to meet on Thursday 15th March to further consider the option of undertaking a review, with the benefit of having had the opportunity to view the Early Years report presented to the Council of Ministers.</p>	<p>WM/TO</p>

[19/02/07, Item 8]	10. Youth Service The Panel discussed the merits of a possible review of the Youth Service. It agreed that Deputy Pitman would be appointed to work on a draft scoping document that would be considered at the meeting on Thursday 15 th March 2007.	SP/WM
	11. Working Practices The Panel agreed to place the item on the agenda for the Panel meeting subsequent to that of 15 th March 2007.	WM/TO
[19.02.07, Item 4]	12. Centeniers in the Magistrate's Court The Panel agreed to delay discussion of the report until it had heard back from the Scrutiny Manager following her consideration of the draft.	
	13. Code of Practice The Panel discussed the current situation relating to the Draft Code of Practice. It agreed to write to the President of the Chairmen's Committee to request an update on the progress of the draft and express its belief of the importance for the draft to be presented to the States at the earliest opportunity. This draft should include the areas of legal advice and access to Council of Ministers and former Committee Part 'B' minutes.	WM/TO
	14. Future Meetings The Panel noted that it would next meet on 15th March 2007.	

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Chairman
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