

Environment Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 22nd May 2012

Meeting No: 7

Present	Deputy J. Young, Chairman Connétable P. Rondel Deputy S. Luce (Vice chairman)
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr. M. Orbell, Scrutiny Officer

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	1. Record of meeting The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May 2012 were approved and signed.	MO
22.05.12 Item 3 514/19	2. Ash disposal a) The Panel noted new submissions and information received since its last meeting on 3rd May 2012. b) Members considered expressions of interest received in respect of the rôle of expert adviser to the review. There was unanimous agreement on a preferred bidder and the Scrutiny Officer was asked to contact the company to arrange an initial visit. It was agreed that while this would not constitute an interview it should happen prior to formal appointment, to give the Panel an opportunity to meet with senior team members before contracts were finalised. It was also agreed to investigate whether a meeting between the adviser and officers from the Transport and Technical Services Department and a tour of the La Collette site could be arranged during the same visit, as this would save time and expense.	MO MO
3.05.12 Item 8 514/2(22)	3. Radon The Panel agreed various detail changes to scoping and approved draft terms of reference for the review. It was agreed that background work would begin towards the end of June, which ideally would include preliminary meetings with the Medical Officer of Health and Building Control prior to any public call for evidence. Having considered the necessity for an expert adviser it was agreed that the indicative budget for the review should be set at £15,000. The Scrutiny Officer was asked to make the necessary changes and arrange for the scoping and terms of reference to be submitted to the Chairmen's Committee for approval.	MO MO MO
3.05.12 Item 3 514/14	4. Marine water quality The Panel considered information recently received from the department, including minutes of the joint aquaculture meeting attended on 2nd May 2012. It was agreed to revise a draft letter to the Minister for Planning and Environment to reflect the Panel's concerns about an apparent lack of urgency in addressing perceived problems. Members also considered whether it might be appropriate to seek further advice	MO

	from local experts; it was noted that at present the Panel was essentially following up the recommendations from a previous review, so any expenditure would require a budget to be approved by the Chairmen's Committee.	MO
	5. Visit to Bellozanne sewage treatment works and outfalls The Panel discussed possible dates for a tour of the treatment works. It was noted that amended timing for the visit on 5th July proposed by the TTS Department clashed with Parish commitments and the Scrutiny Officer was asked to investigate alternative dates.	MO
514/1(25)	6. Jersey Gas Land at Tunnell Street, St Helier The Panel noted comments submitted on 18th May in response to the Environment Department's consultation on a development brief for the Jersey Gas site.	MO
	7. Quarterly public hearing with the Minister for Planning and Environment Members discussed possible agenda items for the quarterly hearing to be held on 15th June 2012. It was agreed that the agenda should include housing issues in the Island Plan, planning for major States projects and water quality. It was agreed that members would meet to prepare detailed questions once the draft agenda had been circulated.	JY/ MO
	8. Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Members discussed the planned review of the MTFP by a Sub-Panel of Corporate Services. It was understood that preparatory work between individual Panels and their linked departments could now begin. The Scrutiny Officer was asked to contact departments to request background information and to arrange private briefings for the Panel with Chief Officers and Finance Officers.	MO
	Forthcoming meetings Next scheduled Panel meeting: 2.00pm on 19th June 2012, Blampied Room, States Building	MO