

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC SESSION

Record of Meeting

Date: 25th November 2009

Meeting 56

Present	Senator S.C. Ferguson, Chairman Deputy C.H. Egré, Vice-Chairman Connétable D.J. Murphy Deputy T.A. Vallois
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Senator T. Le Sueur, Chief Minister. (Item 3 only) Mr B. Ogley Chief Executive Officer. (Item 3 only) Mr. M. Robbins, Scrutiny Officer

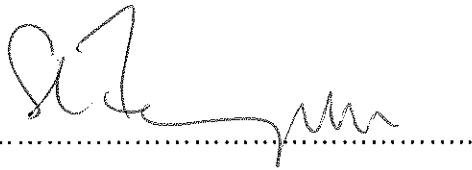
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	1. Records of Meetings The Panel approved the record of its meeting held on the 11 th November 2009.	
	2. Action Updates and Matters Arising The Panel noted the updates on actions requested at its previous meeting.	
	3. Chief Minister The Panel held a regular quarterly Public Hearing with Senator T Le Sueur, Chief Minister who was accompanied by Mr B. Ogley Chief Executive Officer. On verification of their accuracy, the transcripts were to be available on the Scrutiny web site.	
11/11/09, Item 5	5. Fiscal Strategy Review The Panel noted the difficulties raised by the invitation from the Minister for Treasury and Resources, for a Panel Member to join the Steering Group for the Fiscal Strategy Review and the affect acceptance of such a position would have had on its independence and objectivity. The request for a briefing for the Panel by the project manager had been agreed and the Panel set aside an hour at 1300 hours on Wednesday 2 nd December 2009 for the meeting to take place. It was to give due consideration to the invitation from the Minister after the briefing.	MR
11/11/09, Item 6 513/20(8)	6. Finance Sub-Panel The Panel noted that a meeting held by the Chairman and the Advisor to update the new Sub-Panel Member, Deputy Vallois had taken place. Matters relating to the Financial Directives that might have a bearing on the review were also discussed. Nothing further had been done due to the Officer drafting the ESP2 Report.	
11/11/09, Item 7 513/23(8)	7. Economic Stimulus Plan The Panel considered its latest draft report relating to the Economic Stimulus Plan. There were still areas that were of concern to the Panel,	

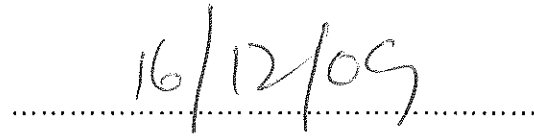
	<p>particularly in relation to the bid from Highlands College and the 'Advance to Work' project. The Panel needed to know what proportion of the money available had been spent, how the money had been spent and what the rest of it was intended to be spent on. The discussions around this raised numerous other questions and it was agreed that further hearings needed to be held to include the Ministers for Education, Sport and Culture, Social Security and Economic Development. It aimed to have these hearings on 14th December 2009. The delays, which were to be a result of this body of work, were acceptable to the Panel in order to answer questions that needed resolving.</p>	MR
<p>28/10/09, Item 6</p> <p>513/18(8)</p>	<p>8. Migration and Population</p> <p>The Panel noted that the Migration and Population Sub-Panel would hold Public Hearings on 25th November 2009. The Sub-Panel's expert advisor had been in the Island for 24th and 25th November 2009 and in addition to the Public Hearings, had met with various officers. The Panel recognised that one of the main issues lay with the difficulty in recording how many people were leaving the Island.</p>	
<p>07/01/09, Item 19</p>	<p>9. Data Protection</p> <p>The Panel received an oral report from Deputy Vallois, stating that the commissioner for Data Protection was happy to issue all the amendments in a single bundle for Scrutiny to examine and the matter was currently with the Law Officers.</p> <p>The Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources had agreed to defer the <i>Draft Data Protection (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 200-(P.147/2009)</i> until 19th January to allow Scrutiny time to work. It was recognised that this would be insufficient time and that the projet needed to be withdrawn in order that the rest of the amendments could be brought forward together after a suitable period for scrutiny.</p> <p>Deputy Vallois was to Chair a Sub-Panel to review the subject. Letters were to be sent to the Assistant Minister and the Data Protection Commissioner to discuss the matter.</p>	TV / MR
<p>28/10/09, Item 8</p> <p>513/5(8)</p>	<p>10. Jersey Overseas Aid</p> <p>The Panel received a hard copy of the overseas aid report, which had previously been circulated electronically. It decided to defer the matter until the following meeting when the officer responsible for the drafting of the report would be available.</p>	KB
	<p>11. Forthcoming Propositions</p> <p>The Panel noted the forthcoming proposition, Rate Appeal Board: Appointment of Members (P191/2009), lodged for debate by the Minister for Treasury and Resources.</p>	
	<p>12. Ministerial Decisions</p> <p>The Panel noted the Ministerial Decisions taken by the Chief Minister and Minister for Treasury and Resources uploaded to www.gov.je between 5th and 18th November 2009. Further information was required on MD-PH-2009.0083, Delegated Authority Decisions which related to decisions taken by officers under delegated powers on:</p> <p>(1) Nos 9-10 Beresford Market - Assignment of Lease regarding St Helier Food & Wine Co Ltd.</p> <p>(2) Liberty Wharf, Esplanade, St Helier - Sub-sub-lease from Liberty Wharf 1 Ltd to Regus Jersey Ltd.</p>	MR

	<p>13. Utilities</p> <p>The Panel discussed the nature of the States involvement in the Island's utilities. There was concern over redundancies threatened by some of the utility companies during a period of recession. The Panel questioned how much involvement the States should have in the running of utilities and it decided that a review to establish such matters was to be launched immediately. Connétable D. Murphy was to chair a Sub-Panel and was to meet with the Officer to scope the review and discuss membership.</p>	<p>DM/ MR</p>
	<p>14. Scheduled Meetings for 2010</p> <p>The Panel received suggested dates for its meetings through 2010. It agreed in principle however, Members required time to study their diaries for the whole year to confirm acceptance. This would be confirmed at the next meeting.</p>	<p>MR</p>
	<p>15. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted it would next meet at 9:30am on 16th December 2009.</p>	

Signed

Date:





Chairman, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

