

Chairmen's Committee

Record of Meeting

Date: 15th July 2015

Present	Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré, President and Chairman, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel Deputy L.M.C. Doublet, Vice-President and Chairman, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel Deputy S.M. Brée, Chairman, Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel Deputy R. Renouf, Chairman, Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel Deputy S. Wickenden, Vice-Chairman, Public Accounts Committee Deputy D. Johnson, Vice-Chairman, Environment, Housing and Technical Services Scrutiny Panel
Apologies	Connétable A.S. Crowcroft, Chairman, Environment, Housing and Technical Services Scrutiny Panel Deputy A.D. Lewis, Chairman, Public Accounts Committee
Absent	
In attendance	Mr T. Oldham, Scrutiny Manager

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07.07.15 Item 5	1. Code of Practice for engagement, for the purposes of Scrutiny, between elected Members conducting Scrutiny and Ministers and Assistant Ministers	
510/1(5)	<p>The Committee considered research that had been undertaken into the situation in other jurisdictions on matters relating to the compliance section of the draft Code.</p> <p>It was agreed that, to inform future drafting, further advice would be sought to clarify the situation with regard to the protection afforded to witnesses by consequence of the proceedings of Panels being covered by parliamentary privilege through Article 34 of the States of Jersey Law 2005 and the States of Jersey (Powers, privileges and immunities) (Scrutiny Panels, PAC and PPC) (Jersey) Regulations 2006, in comparison to the protection afforded to witnesses appearing before UK Select Committees. Furthermore, advice would be sought on the legislative changes that would be required to provide Panels with the ability to place witnesses on oath, possible revisions to sanctions and processes pertinent to breaches of the code, and the differences in powers of access to information between Jersey Committees of Inquiry and Scrutiny Panels.</p>	TO