

Chairmen's Committee

Record of Meeting

Date: 22nd May 2012

Present	Deputy T.A. Vallois, President Deputy S.G. Luce, Vice-President Senator S.C. Ferguson Deputy J.M. Maçon Deputy J.H. Young Deputy J. A. Hilton
Apologies	Deputy K.L. Moore
Absent	
In attendance	Mr T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer

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	1. Minutes of previous meetings The minutes of the meetings of 24th and 30th April and 2nd and 4th May, having been approved, were accordingly signed. The Part B minutes of 24th April, having also been approved, were signed.	
	2. Panel Activity Reports These were noted.	
24.04.12 Item 3 510/1(68)	3. Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) The Committee considered its previously agreed process of Scrutiny of the MTFP, and confirmed that it intended to maintain this approach. The Committee was informed by the Chairman of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel that Terms of Reference being drafted by her Panel to guide the work being undertaken by all Panels on the MTFP would be ready for distribution to the Committee shortly. The Committee also considered the most appropriate method for Scrutiny Members to receive a briefing from the Treasurer on the overarching structure of the MTFP. It was noted that the Treasurer had previously offered to meet each Scrutiny Panel to brief them on the overarching structure and, in order to make the briefing more beneficial to the Panels, be accompanied by the relevant Chief Officer and Finance Director both of whom had been instrumental in putting together the MTFP for the respective Departments. Dates had been provisionally arranged by some Panels to receive this briefing. It was agreed, however, that it would be more efficient and consistent for all parties to request the Treasurer to provide an overarching structure briefing to all available Scrutiny Members following the anticipated close of States business on Wednesday 30th May. In addition, Panels would individually continue to seek briefings from the relevant Minister and/or Officers relating to the	TO

	specific MTFP work of the Department(s) within their remit.	
22.11.11 Item 2 511/1(49)	4. Nomination of a representative of the Chairmen's Committee on the Privileges and Procedures Committee (PPC) The Committee recalled that, due to a very large volume of work, and in order to be able to dedicate more time to this, the Chairman of the Health, Social Security and Housing Scrutiny Panel had decided to relinquish the role of Committee representative on the Privileges and Procedures Committee. The Committee agreed to the Chairman of the Environment Scrutiny Panel being nominated to the States, by the Chairman of PPC, as its representative.	
15.05.12 Item 1 513/34	5. Tourism Development Fund: Assistance to the Private Sector Review - Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel The Committee considered the referral by the States on 2nd May 2012 of <i>P.26/2012 Tourism Development Fund: Assistance to the Private Sector</i> to the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel, which had now established a Sub-Panel to undertake the review. It was agreed that the debate had highlighted the need for Chairmen to seek to ensure effective communication on issues relevant to the remit of more than one Panel, in particular where any background work had been undertaken or relevant decisions made. The Committee also agreed that individual Chairmen would speak to the Panel Officers regarding the process of highlighting notable forthcoming propositions and recent Ministerial Decisions. Following the discussions on the referral debate, the Committee requested that the matter of Scrutiny Member voting on Scrutiny related propositions should be added to the Agenda for the meeting of all Scrutiny Members scheduled for 13th June.	TO
24.04.12 Item 11 510/1(42)	6. Webcasting The Committee received a member of the public who had requested to attend on the Committee to put forward his point of view as the creator of a local blog site. The Committee noted that it awaited a response from the Department of Electronics in respect of audio streaming. It agreed that all papers received on the issue should be collated for consideration at its next meeting.	TO
24.04.12 Item 13 510/1(3)	7. Training: questioning skills The Committee noted arrangements for questioning training provided by <i>beSpokeSkills</i> on 28th May for those Scrutiny Members who had been unavailable for the previous course and who wished to undertake the training. It also noted the possibility confirmed by H.M. Attorney General that the Law Officers could assist in training for Scrutiny Members. It was agreed that H.M. Attorney General should be contacted and requested to outline the nature of the training his Department could provide.	TO
	8. Future meetings The Committee noted that the date of its next meeting was 19th June 2012. There was also an all Scrutiny Members meeting	

	arranged to take place 13th June.	
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