

Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 29th June 2017

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| Present | Deputy D. Johnson, Chairman Deputy T. Vallois, Vice-Chairman Deputy M. Tadier |
| Apologies | Connétable S. Le Sueur-Rennard |
| Absent | |
| In attendance | S. McKee Scrutiny Officer |

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| | <p>1. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The Panel approved the record of the meeting held on 1st June 2017. The Chairman signed the record accordingly.</p> | |
| <p>01/06/17 Item 2 514/30</p> | <p>2. User Pays Charges for Non-Household Waste Charges</p> <p>The Panel received an update from the Officer in respect of its review of the proposed liquid waste charges. It was noted that the Officer was still waiting to receive a number of documents which had been requested from the Department for Infrastructure to assist its review.</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of the Advisor's report from London Economics Limited who was engaged by the Panel to undertake a desktop review of the Distributional Analysis. It was further noted that the Panel was due to receive its other Advisor's report (from Eunomia) on Friday 30th June.</p> <p>The Panel noted that it had requested that the Minister return comments on the main body of the Panel's report in 3 working days following its receipt, rather than the usual 5 working days. It was advised that the Minister had accepted the Panel's request, subject to his Officer's availability. It was agreed that the Chairman would respond to the Minister to thank him for agreeing to the Panel's request and also to advise him that the Panel would proceed with publishing the report in the absence of his comments if these had not been provided before the end of the 3 day period.</p> <p>The Officer provided an update on the timetable for the Panel's report and its publication. It was noted that the Panel would have limited time to review the draft report before it was sent to the Department for Infrastructure for factual checking. The Panel agreed to arrange a meeting for the lunchtime adjournment on Wednesday 5th July to approve the main body of the report. It was further agreed that the Panel would meet on Wednesday 12th July to discuss any comments that had been received from the Department and to agree its findings and recommendations. It was noted that the Panel's intention was to present its report to the States Assembly on Thursday 13th July, ahead of the debate on the 18th July.</p> | <p>DJ</p> <p>SM</p> <p>SM</p> <p>SM</p> |

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| | <p>The Panel was advised that, in order to undertake phase 2 of its review (solid waste charges), the budget that had been previously agreed in the Scoping Document, needed to be amended. The Panel noted a paper from the Officer which explained the reasons for the change to the budget and agreed to amend the Scoping Document accordingly.</p> | SM |
| | <p>3. Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) Law</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of the draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) Law and associated timeline</p> <p>The Panel further noted that the Department of the Environment had allowed time for the Panel to review the draft legislation in the timeline prior to its lodging. The Panel agreed that it would not undertake a review of the draft law until it had been lodged by the Minister for the Environment in the States Assembly. It was further agreed that, due to its busy work programme, the Panel would not have the opportunity to review the legislation before September. The Officer was requested to advise the Department accordingly.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to consider the draft Law in more detail at its next meeting.</p> | SM SM |
| 11/05/17 Item 4 | <p>4. Department of the Environment 2017 Business Plan</p> <p>The Panel agreed to question the Minister for the Environment on the 2017 Business Plan at the upcoming Quarterly Hearing.</p> | SM |
| | <p>5. Transfer of Functions</p> <p>The Panel noted the draft States of Jersey (Transfer of Functions No.9) (Health and Social Services to Environment) Jersey Regulations. It was further noted that the draft Law was due to be debated next week. The Panel agreed that it did not wish to undertake any review in respect of the draft Law.</p> | |
| | <p>6. Community Infrastructure Levy</p> <p>The Panel recalled that an all States Members Briefing was provided by the Department of the Environment the previous week on this matter. It was noted that the Department intended to bring an in-principle decision on the levy to the States Assembly for debate in November. It was also noted that, if the in-principle decision was approved, the Department would begin developing the Regulations and Law in the first quarter of 2018.</p> | |
| | <p>7. Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for the Environment</p> <p>The Panel was advised that the Minister for the Environment was no longer able to attend the Quarterly Hearing which had been arranged for Thursday 13th July due to other work commitments.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would re-arrange the Hearing to take place on Thursday 27th July. The Officer was requested to advise the Minister's Department accordingly.</p> | SM |
| | <p>8. Chairman's Committee 'Brexit Review Panel'</p> <p>The Chairman advised the Panel that the Chairmen's Committee had agreed to set up a 'Brexit Review Panel' in order to be able to address</p> | |

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| | any issues that arose with regard to Brexit in a timely fashion. It was further advised that it was intention for a representative from each Panel to sit on the Review Panel. The Panel agreed that the Chairman would represent the Panel on the Brexit Review Panel. | |
| | <p>9. Tall Buildings Safety</p> <p>The Panel was provided with a copy of a topic proposal which had been received by a member of the public in regards to the safety of tall buildings in Jersey. It was noted that the proposal came following the devastating fire in a tower block in Kensington, London and subsequent concerns regarding the safety of other high rise blocks throughout England. The Panel agreed that it would question the Minister for the Environment on this matter at its next Quarterly Hearing on Thursday 27th July.</p> | |
| 27/04/17 Item 8 | <p>10. SharePoint Trial</p> <p>The Panel agreed to invite the Systems Manager, Information Services, along to its next meeting on 27th July to help address any issues the Panel has with the SharePoint site.</p> | SM |
| | <p>11. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting was due to take place at 12:30pm on Thursday 27th July.</p> | |