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Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Records of Meetings

2022

The following records of meetings have been approved by the Panel.

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Chair

Deputy Catherine Curtis

États de Jersey



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Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 25th July 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Katherine De Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Ben Walker, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Procedural and Administrative Matters</p> <p>The Panel agreed to appoint Deputy Beatriz Porée as Vice-Chair.</p> <p>The Panel noted and agreed that future Panel meetings in 2022 would be scheduled to take place, where possible, on Monday mornings from 10am to 12pm.</p> <p>The Panel noted that, where possible, the Panel would undertake its work in a public manner to ensure accountability and transparency.</p> <p>The Panel noted that personal matters related to constituents or members of the public could only be dealt with by States Members on an individual basis, and outside the scope of the Panel's work.</p>	
<p>2. Declarations and Conflicts of Interest</p> <p>The Panel noted the Code of Practice for Scrutiny and Public Accounts Committee Proceedings, and requested physical copies be provided to the Vice-Chair.</p>	KDC
<p>3. Working Practices</p> <p>The Panel discussed the forum for undertaking its scheduled meetings and agreed to meet in-person but reserved the option to undertake meetings virtually and in-person if required.</p> <p>The Committee and Panel Officer informed the Panel that Microsoft Teams was the default means by which information would be shared with the Panel. The Panel requested that information also be shared via email.</p> <p>The Panel was then informed that the Committee and Panel Officer was the Panel's dedicated resource, and that the time of the Research and Project Officer was split between the work of the Panel and the Public Accounts Committee.</p>	KDC/BW
<p>4. Scrutiny Member Training</p> <p>The Panel noted that the Scrutiny Liaison Committee had considered a training package for all States Members to include guidance on effective scrutiny, Chair training, media training and question training, to take place in the latter half of 2022.</p>	

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<p>The Panel also noted proposed visits to the House of Commons, Portcullis House and Westminster Hall in London, to take place in 2022.</p> <p>The Panel requested a copy of the States Greffe organisational chart and also to make enquiries about a contacts list which was being produced by the Members' Resources team of the States Greffe.</p>	KDC/BW
<p>5. Work Programme</p> <p>The Panel noted the content of the Legacy Report which had been produced by the previously constituted Panel.</p> <p>The Panel discussed recent school closures following a period of extreme heat in Jersey in July 2022. The Panel requested that the Officer send correspondence to the Minister for Children and Education to question this matter and, also query topics of public interest, namely, Ministerial priorities for the new political term, teacher recruitment and retention and the Children's Service.</p> <p>The Panel also requested that correspondence was sent to the Minister for Home Affairs for an update on Justice and Home Affairs priorities in the new political term.</p> <p>The Panel also noted a number of areas of interest and requested that the Panel's officers undertake research for its consideration.</p>	KDC KDC BW
<p>6. Site visits / briefings with the relevant Ministers and Departments</p> <p>The Panel noted the benefits of visiting various sites within their remit. The Panel asked Officers to make enquiries and arrangements for a variety of site visits for Panel members during August and September 2022.</p>	
<p>7. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted its next scheduled meeting was due to take place at 10am on 15th August 2022 in the Le Capelain Room of the States Assembly building.</p>	

Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 3rd August 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Darren Bowring, Head of Children's Health and Wellbeing, Children, Young People, Education and Skills Katherine De Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Ben Walker, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Site visit to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)</p> <p>The Panel visited the CAMHS Office at Children's Services (Liberte House), to discuss the services provided by CAMHS with Darren Bowring, Head of Children's Health and Wellbeing, Children, Young People, Education and Skills (Head of Children's Health and Wellbeing).</p> <p>The Head of Children's Health and Wellbeing informed the Panel about the key services provided by CAMHS, the challenges faced by the service and the changes that were underway following the establishment of the Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Strategy 2022-2025 and, also, additional money provided in the Government Plan.</p> <p>The Panel was advised that the Jersey Comptroller and Auditor General had recently undertaken a review of CAMHS. The report had not been finalised and published yet, but the Panel was advised that publication was expected within the next few weeks.</p> <p>The Panel also noted that CAMHS would be subject to a review from the Jersey Care Commission in early 2023.</p> <p>The Panel received a tour of the first floor of Liberte House and was shown rooms used for meetings, medical assessments, an art therapy room, and the office used by CAMHS staff. It was explained that the long-term location for CAMHS was not secure (beyond approximately 5 years) and further decisions had to be made on where the service would be located in the future.</p> <p>The Panel thanked the Head of Children's Health and Wellbeing for his time, and they concluded the site visit of Liberte House.</p>	

Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 11th August 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mark Cockerham, Head of Service, Customs and Immigration Service, Justice and Home Affairs Andrew Hunt, Deputy Operations, Customs and Immigration Service, Justice and Home Affairs Katherine de Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Site visit to Customs and Immigration Service, Maritime House, La Route du Port Elizabeth, St Helier, JE1 1JD</p> <p>The Panel visited the Jersey Customs and Immigration Service (JCIS) based in Maritime House to discuss its work with Mark Cockerham, Head of Service, Customs and Immigration (Head of Service) and Andrew Hunt, Deputy Operations, Customs and Immigration, (Deputy Operations).</p> <p>The Panel received an initial presentation from the Head of Service and Deputy Operations which included an overview of the various aspects of JCIS, including border control, revenue collection, the issue of passports, deportations, naturalisations, work visas, work permits and the investigation of customs offences.</p> <p>It was explained that Maritime House was the administrative base for JCIS but that it was operational over a large area, including the harbour, airport and Jersey Post site.</p> <p>The Panel was advised that Brexit had been transformative in the way that the JCIS operated – in all aspects such as work permits and goods control.</p> <p>Details about the different immigration work permits, that were available for people moving to Jersey, were discussed. The Panel noted that the permits included a route for skilled workers and also various temporary routes (dependant on the sector: for example construction, agriculture, hospitality).</p> <p>The Panel received a brief overview of the goods control process. It was explained that JCIS facilitated the collection of approximately £88 million in revenue for Jersey through excise duty, Import Goods and Services Tax, third country customs duty (EU), and vehicle emissions duty.</p> <p>In response to queries from the Panel it was confirmed that political direction was vital for JCIS, particularly with regards to sensitive aspects, for example, the approach Jersey took in relation to accommodating refugees from Ukraine.</p>	

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<p>The Panel was also advised that JCIS had joint units to work with the States of Jersey Police, the Jersey Financial Crime Unit (for MoneyVal assessment) and that there were also close working relationships with the United Kingdom Border Force, Guernsey Border Agency, and French Customs.</p>	
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<p>The Panel received a tour of Maritime House, including introductions to the customs and immigration officers working in areas relating to policy, passports, and customs declarations.</p>	
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<p>The Panel thanked the Head of Service and the Deputy Operations for their time, and they concluded the site visit of the Service at Maritime House.</p>	
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Record of Meeting

Date: 15th August 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Connétable Mark Labey, in attendance as a prospective member of the Panel Nicola Heath, representing the Jersey Student Loans Support Group – Item 2 only Ben Sandeman, Senior Policy Officer, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance (SPPP) Department - Item 3 only Katherine De Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Ben Walker, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The Panel approved the records of its meetings held on 25th July and 3rd August 2022 and noted the file note of the informal meeting held on 2nd August 2022.</p>	
<p>2. Student Loans Support Group</p> <p>The Panel welcomed Ms. Nicola Heath representing the Jersey Student Loans Support Group ('JSLSG') (the 'Representative') to the meeting.</p> <p>During the meeting the Representative provided an overview of concerns and the challenges that were facing Jersey students in higher education and their families. The following matters were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government's proposed 'mini-budget': It was stated that the mini-budget proposition did not include any support for higher education students who were experiencing significant challenges in meeting the cost of living, especially when based in the UK. The JSLSG had submitted evidence to the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel for consideration as part of their review. • Government's promised review of student finance has not been undertaken: The JSLSG had contact with the previous Education Minister(s) to follow up about the review of student finance and higher education funding (note: reference to P.33/2018, as amended). Aspects which had not been evaluated included the suitability of a 'stepped' system with particular impacts for those on the edges of the income bands and, also, the lack of student bank loan options. • Uplift to the student maintenance grant has not kept pace with the cost of living: The most recent uplift of 2.9% as a result of the Education (Grants and Allowances) (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Order 2021 has not matched 	

<p>increases in RPI% over the same period. The Representative referenced that the UK RPI increase over the same period was 16%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes for separated families: Previously a single parent household had been assessed on one income within that household, however, subsequent changes were made to the way in which parental income is assessed under the scheme. It was confirmed that the income of both parents (in the event of divorce or separation) needed to be considered for higher education grants. • Postgraduate funding: There was no regulation for the use of public money in the use of postgraduate funding and the scheme in place had not been reviewed for over 20 years. <p>The Panel thanked the Representative for her time and she left the meeting.</p>	
<p>3. Draft Marriage and Civil Partnership (Amendments) (Jersey) Law 202-</p> <p>The Panel welcomed the Senior Policy Officer, SPPP, to the meeting. The Senior Policy Officer provided the Panel with a briefing on the proposed Draft Marriage and Civil Partnership (Amendments) (Jersey) Law 202- (the 'Amendment') and was advised that the Minister for Home Affairs intended to lodge the Amendment shortly, so that it would be included on the Order Paper for the States Assembly sitting on 4th October 2022.</p> <p>The Panel was advised that the draft Law was required to amend both the Marriage and Civil Status (Amendment) (No. 5) (Jersey) Law 2022 (P.6/2022) and the Civil Partnership (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 2022 (P.7/2022) ('the Laws'), which were both approved by the States Assembly in March 2022, but are yet to receive Royal Assent.</p> <p>The Panel was advised that, following States Assembly approval, the Laws had been sent to the UK Ministry of Justice for review ahead of presentation to the Privy Council. At this point an issue was identified with the schedules used in each of the Laws that made them non-compliant with the European Convention on Human Rights, following the ruling in the case of <i>B and L v. United Kingdom</i>.</p> <p>The purpose of the draft Laws is to primarily address the identified issue. The Panel understands that the Laws will not be presented to the Privy Council for Royal Assent without compliance with the provisions set out in the European Convention on Human Rights.</p> <p>The Panel had a number of queries in relation to safeguarding and these were responded to by the Senior Policy Officer.</p> <p>The Panel requested its officer to draft a comments paper in relation to the Amendment.</p> <p>The Panel thanked the Senior Policy Officer for his time and the briefing ended.</p>	<p>KdC</p>
<p>4. Scrutiny Member Training: Update</p> <p>The Committee and Panel Officer (CPO) provided the Panel with an update on the status of the Teams, Outlook and media training that had been previously requested for some members. The CPO requested clarification of each members' requirements. It was confirmed that the sessions were in the process of being arranged with external training providers.</p>	

<p>5. Correspondence with the Minister for Children and Education</p> <p>The Panel noted the written response dated 2nd August 2022, from the Minister for Children and Education. The letter had been received in response to the Panel's letter of 25th July 2022 querying, <i>inter alia</i>, the Minister's priorities for the next six months.</p> <p>In addition to Ministerial priorities, the letter had asked questions about school closures in extreme heat, teacher recruitment and retention, and the Children's Service.</p> <p>The Panel noted that it would meet the Minister informally in September 2022, ahead of the first public quarterly hearings (which would likely be scheduled for October).</p>	
<p>6. Correspondence with the Minister for Home Affairs</p> <p>The Panel noted the written response dated 10th August 2022, from the Minister for Home Affairs. The letter had been received in response to the Panel's letter of 25th July 2022 querying the Minister's priorities for the next six months.</p> <p>The Panel noted that it would meet the Minister informally in August 2022 ahead of the first public quarterly hearings (which would likely be scheduled for October).</p>	
<p>7. Site visits / briefings with the relevant Ministers and Departments</p> <p>The Panel noted the schedule of site visits which had been arranged so far for August and September 2022.</p> <p>The Panel had already undertaken visits to CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) and the Customs and Immigration Service and had also planned visits to: the States of Jersey Police; States of Jersey Ambulance Service; States of Jersey Fire Service; and Probation and After-Care Service during August 2022. Further activity was planned for September.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to share that they had undertaken the visits in a social media post towards the end of August.</p>	<p>KdC</p>
<p>8. Work Programme</p> <p>The Panel noted the template work programme that would be used to plan the Panel's future work and reviews going forward.</p> <p>The Committee and Panel Officer explained that this was a 'live' document, maintained by the Panel's officers and that would be regularly shared with the Panel to help them identify current and known upcoming workstreams for scrutiny panel work. It was also noted that the document would be shared with the Scrutiny Liaison Committee on a regular basis.</p>	
<p>9. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted its next scheduled meeting was due to take place at 10am on 5th September 2022 in the Le Capelain Room of the States Assembly building.</p>	

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Record of Meeting

Date: 16th August 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Connétable Mark Labey Robin Smith, Chief Officer, States of Jersey Police Stewart Gull, Deputy Chief Officer, States of Jersey Police Alison Fossey, Detective Superintendent, Head of Criminal Investigation Department, States of Jersey Police Gemma Neil, Sergeant/Staff Officer, States of Jersey Police Iain Ford, Acting Police Sergeant/Staff Officer, States of Jersey Police Katherine De Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Ben Walker, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Site visit to the States of Jersey Police (SoJP)</p> <p>The Panel and Connétable Mark Labey visited the SoJP Headquarters on La Route du Fort, St Helier, to discuss policing in Jersey with Robin Smith, Chief Officer, Stewart Gull, Deputy Chief Officer and Alison Fossey, Detective Superintendent, Head of Criminal Investigation Department for the SoJP, and toured the facilities at the SoJP Headquarters.</p> <p>The Panel initially received a presentation which was led by Robin Smith, Chief Officer and provided an overview of the operational structure of the SoJP, the remits of various departments within the SoJP, policing priorities and performance indicators; policing statistics and notable police cases that received media attention. The Panel discussed the key challenges that related to policing recruitment and retention and trends related to specific crimes and crime statistics.</p> <p>The Panel then received a tour of the facilities of the SoJP Headquarters from Gemma Neil, Sergeant/Staff Officer and Iain Ford, Acting Police Sergeant/Staff Officer for the SoJP. The Panel was shown the SoJP custody suite, basement parking, operational areas and the 24/7 control room.</p> <p>The Panel thanked the Officers for their time, and they concluded the site visit of the SoJP Headquarters.</p>	

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Record of Meeting

Date: 18th August 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Peter Gavey, Chief Ambulance Officer, States of Jersey Ambulance Service Gary Kynman, Senior Ambulance Officer, States of Jersey Ambulance Service Garreth Saunders, Advanced Paramedic Manager, States of Jersey Ambulance Service Jason Hamon, Head of Emergency Preparedness Resilience & Operational Support, States of Jersey Ambulance Service Katherine De Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Ben Walker, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Site visit to the States of Jersey Ambulance Service (SoJAS)</p> <p>The Panel visited the SoJAS Station on Rouge Bouillon, St Helier, to discuss the service with Peter Gavey, Chief Ambulance Officer and Gary Kynman, Senior Ambulance Officer for SoJAS, and toured the facilities at the SoJAS Station.</p> <p>The Panel initially received a tour of the facilities by the Chief Ambulance Officer and were shown various staff facilities, ambulance equipment and medical supply storage, the interior of an Ambulance, the Ambulance parking bays, different types of Ambulances and the SoJAS control room.</p> <p>The Panel then received a presentation which was led by the Chief Ambulance Officer and the Senior Ambulance Officer, who provided an overview of the SoJAS business plan which included 36 'Red Amber Green' objectives, SoJAS recruitment and retention, the relationship between the SoJAS and the Jersey Care Model, training and development of paramedics, the Ambulance Response Programme, staff wellbeing and safety and the management of complaints to SoJAS.</p> <p>The Panel thanked the Officers for their time, and they concluded the site visit of the SoJAS Station.</p>	

Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 5th September 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Item 1 only: Simon Harrison, Coordinator, End Cannabis Prohibition Jersey Campaign Katherine De Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Ben Walker, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Meeting: End Cannabis Prohibition Jersey</p> <p>The Panel received Simon Harrison, Coordinator ('Coordinator') of the End Cannabis Prohibition Jersey ('ECPJ') Campaign for a meeting to discuss the work of the ECPJ to promote reform of the Island's approach to cannabis.</p> <p>The meeting was led by the Coordinator, who informed the Panel that he was a representative of the ECPJ and had been in contact with many States Assembly candidates during the 2022 elections in Jersey.</p> <p>It was advised that the ECPJ began lobbying for cannabis related issues in 2019, that concerned the legalisation of medicinal cannabis, improvements in patient access to medicinal cannabis and on-Island research related to drug issues in Jersey.</p> <p>The Coordinator informed the Panel that the previous substance misuse strategy had concluded at the end of 2019, and advised that the ECPJ then requested an update on the development of a new substance misuse strategy from the Health and Community Services Department in 2020, and that this correspondence had been unsuccessful, and led to the ECPJ liaising with the previously constituted Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel. It was advised that there had been a lack of information and resources related to substance misuse on the Government of Jersey website and that the previous substance misuse strategy had not been updated or replaced. It was also advised that the Coordinator was concerned about the terminology used to describe drug issues, such as 'misuse' and 'abuse' which only accounted for drug related issues once they became problematic. It was further advised that the Coordinator was concerned that the Minister for Home Affairs ('Minister') had recently announced the development of a 'substance misuse strategy', rather than a 'substance use' strategy.</p> <p>The Panel noted that the Minister had commented on the need for appropriate language and harm reduction in relation to drug issues and asked whether it was important to limit the breadth of any future substance strategy. It was advised that</p>	

any drug strategy had to be broad to ensure it addressed the wide range of issues that affected people with drug related problems.

The Panel asked what should be regarded as a substance, and whether a substance use strategy should also include alcohol. It was advised that a substance use strategy should be a combined drugs and alcohol strategy and made reference to the combined alcohol and drugs strategy developed in Guernsey. It was also advised that a combined strategy should promote healthy lifestyles and wellbeing, and that there had been a lack of on-Island resources to educate people about the impacts of drug and alcohol.

The Panel questioned why the Coordinator believed there was a lack of available resources and information on drug related matters. It was advised that the crossover of responsibility for substance misuse between different Government Departments, potentially created challenges for Government in the development of resources and provision of information.

The Panel noted that discussion about decriminalisation of cannabis in Jersey would lead to some concerns about the outcomes of decriminalisation and asked what the answers to those concerns were. It was advised that research undertaken in other jurisdictions did not evidence an increase in the number of young people using cannabis but did show an increase in cannabis consumption by pre-existing cannabis users. It was also advised that whilst there was some evidence of an increase in cannabis use following decriminalisation in other jurisdictions, there was also evidence of a corresponding decrease in the use of more harmful drugs. It was further advised that appropriate regulation was crucial to ensure control over the marketplace following decriminalisation of any controlled substance.

The Panel expressed concern about the black-market economy and the illegal resale of medicinal cannabis and asked how this could be deterred. It was advised that the illegal resale of medicinal cannabis was unique to Jersey and that there was an on-Island 'cannabis sharing culture'. It was also advised that the Coordinator believed the only means to remove the black-market element, was to allow Islanders to grow cannabis at home, and cited Luxembourg as an example of another jurisdiction that enabled residents to legally possess and grow cannabis, to eliminate the black market.

The Panel asked the Coordinator to summarise the main points that ECPJ had campaigned for. It was advised that ECPJ campaigned for the progression of a new substance use strategy for Jersey and the removal of terminology related to 'misuse' and 'abuse', a public consultation on drug related issues and to highlight that decriminalisation of cannabis already existed in part in Jersey, through the development of Attorney General directives over the past 25 years, that meant that Islanders were able to possess up to 15 grams of cannabis without a criminal conviction, and were instead issued fines and warnings through the Parish Hall Enquiry system.

The Panel thanked the Coordinator for this time, and they concluded the meeting.

2. Records of Meetings

The Panel noted and approved the records of meetings held on 11th, 15th, 16th and 18th August 2022, and the file notes from 11th, 16th, 18th and 25th August 2022. The Panel requested that the Officer make an amendment to the 25th August 2022 file note.

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<p>3. Scrutiny Member Training: Update</p> <p>The Panel noted that the proposed dates and times for Microsoft Teams and Outlook training sessions would be sent to the Panel for its consideration in due course.</p> <p>The Officer informed the Panel that dates for the visits to the House of Commons would be provided once Parliament reconvened and that it was likely to take place in December and January, due to the Panel's availability.</p>	<p>KDC</p>
<p>4. Follow-up from informal meeting with the Minister for Home Affairs</p> <p>The Panel noted that it had met informally with the Minister for Home Affairs ('Minister') on 31st August 2022, and that some of the areas of discussion could form question areas for future Quarterly Public Hearings with the Minister, as well as options for a potential review.</p>	<p>KDC/BW</p>
<p>5. Site visits / briefings with the relevant Ministers and Departments</p> <p>The Panel noted that it was due to visit the Greenfields Secure Children's Unit on 6th September 2022, and that the Officers would confirm the arrangements with Greenfields staff ahead of the site visit and revert back to the Panel.</p>	<p>BW</p>
<p>6. Work Programme</p> <p>The Panel noted its draft ongoing work programme and that this would be provided to the Scrutiny Liaison Committee by Friday 9th September 2022</p>	<p>KDC</p>
<p>7. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place at 10am on 19th September 2022 in the Le Capelain Room, States Building.</p>	

Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 7th September 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	<p>Item 1 only:</p> <p>Connétable Mark Labey Connétable Richard Vibert, Assistant Minister for Children and Education Deputy Louise Doublet, Assistant Minister for Children and Education Andrew Heaven, Head of Children’s Policy, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Kate Roberts, Senior Policy Officer, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance</p> <p>Ben Walker, Research and Project Officer Katherine De Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer</p> <p>Item 2 only:</p> <p>Connétable Mark Labey Nicki Heath, Representative, Jersey Student Loan Support Group</p> <p>Deputy Inna Gardiner, Minister for Children and Education Connétable Richard Vibert, Assistant Minister for Children and Education Robert Sainsbury, Acting Director-General, Children, Young People, Education and Skills Keith Posner, Head of Office, Children, Young People, Education and Skills Anne Homer, Head of Finance Business Partnering, Children, Young People, Education and Skills Stuart Penn, Assistant Manager, Children, Young People, Education and Skills Martin Keith, Private Secretary to the Minister for Children and Education, Office of the Chief Executive Gary Thebault-Tobin, Student Finance Officer, Children, Young People, Education and Skills</p> <p>Ben Walker, Research and Project Officer</p>

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Briefing: Policy on Independent Advocacy and the Draft Children and Young People (Amendment) Law 202-</p> <p>The Panel received Connétable Richard Vibert and Deputy Louise Doublet, Assistant Minister’s for Children and Education, Andrew Heaven, Head of Children’s Policy and Kate Roberts, Senior Policy Officer for Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance,</p>	

<p>for a briefing on the Policy on Independent Advocacy and the Draft Children and Young People (Amendment) Law 202-. This meeting was held in private in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Qualified Exemption Article 35 and a private record was taken.</p>	
<p>2. Meeting: Minister for Children and Education and the Jersey Student Loan Support Group</p> <p>The Panel attended a meeting between the Jersey Student Loan Support Group and the Minister for Children and Education and Government Officers to discuss the provision of higher education tuition and maintenance grants by the Student Finance Department. This meeting was held in private in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Absolute Exemption Article 26 and a private record was taken.</p>	

Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 26th September 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair, Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair, Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel Connétable Mark Labey, Member, Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	<p>Item 2 only: Jenny O'Brien, Head of Digital and Public Engagement, Digital and Public Engagement</p> <p>Item 9 only: Andrea Le Saint, the Interim Children's Commissioner, Office of the Children's Commissioner Sheree Maher, Participation and Communication Lead, Office of the Children's Commissioner Sam Le Quesne, Communications Officer, Office of the Children's Commissioner</p> <p>Katherine De Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Ben Walker, Research and Project Officer Jade Hahn, Research and Project Officer</p>

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted and approved the records of the meetings held on 5th and 7th September 2022 and file notes of the meetings held on 30th and 31st August 2022 and 7th September 2022.</p>	
<p>2. Introduction to the work of the Digital and Public Engagement (DPE) Team</p> <p>The Panel received Jenny O'Brien, Head of Digital and Public Engagement, to discuss the role of the DPE Team at the States Greffe.</p> <p>The Panel was informed that Scrutiny Panels were supported by Communications Officers, whose role included implementation of the Panel's communication strategy, discussion of the use of social media prior to any meetings or Hearings, options for asking the public questions related to the work of the Panel and the publication of press notices.</p> <p>The Panel asked how the budget for Panel communications was determined. It was advised that there was currently no fixed methodology for the budget available to Scrutiny Panel's for communications and that a budget process would need to be agreed by the Scrutiny Liaison Committee.</p>	

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<p>The Panel noted that it would need to use communications to highlight its ongoing work. It was advised that internal discussions had taken place about the options for Scrutiny Panel's to communicate their workstreams with the public on a regular basis. It was also advised that the Panel could ask questions via written correspondence to Minister's to follow-up on any areas of concern, which would then be published on the Panel's website.</p>	
<p>3. Youth Parliament</p> <p>The Panel noted that the Jersey Youth Parliament was scheduled to meet at 4:30pm during the afternoon of 26th September 2022.</p>	
<p>4. Ministerial Decisions</p> <p>The Panel noted five Ministerial Decisions that had been made by the Minister for Home Affairs in August 2022 and agreed that none of them required further action by the Panel.</p>	
<p>5. Children and Young People Law</p> <p>The Panel recalled that it had received a briefing from the Assistant Minister's for Children and Education and Government Officers on 7th September, regarding the Children and Young People (Amendment) Law 202-, and the policy on Independent Advocacy.</p> <p>The Panel discussed drafting a Comments Paper in response to the proposed Amendment to the Children and Young People Law and agreed to be kept informed about any future policy developments.</p>	
<p>6. Proposed Review of Migrant Welfare</p> <p>The Panel noted that the Officer had drafted and circulated a proposal for the establishment of a Migrant Welfare Review Panel, which had subsequently been approved by the Scrutiny Liaison Committee.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site Visits / Briefings with the relevant Ministers and Departments <p>The Officer informed the Panel that a number of changes had been made to the dates and times of the Panels schedule of meetings and site visits which followed the passing of Her Majesty the Queen and included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 19th September 2022 (10am – 12pm) Panel Meeting rescheduled to Monday 26th September at 10am • Monday 19th September 2022 (11:30am - 12:30pm) Visit to the Office of the Children's Commissioner rescheduled to Monday 26th September 2022 at 10am • Tuesday 20th September 2022 (11am – 1pm) Visit to States of Jersey Prison Service rescheduled to 19th October 2022 at 10am • Wednesday 21st September 2022 (3pm – 4pm) Introductory meeting with the Minister for Children and Education rescheduled to 28th September 2022 at 12pm • Monday 26th September 2022 (10am – 12pm) Panel Meeting rescheduled to Monday 3rd October 2022 at 10am • Meeting with James Turner (Unite the Union) (10am – 11am) rescheduled to Monday 3rd October 2022 at 10am 	
<p>7. Work Programme</p> <p>The Panel noted its work programme and was advised that the Government Plan 2023-2027 was due to be published on 4th October 2022. It was also advised that</p>	

<p>the Review of the Government Plan would include the Government Programme, Common Strategic Policy, Ministerial Priorities and the 100 Day Plan.</p>	
<p>8. Student Finance</p> <p>The Panel expressed concern about anecdotal reports it had received from members of the public in relation to delays processing Student Finance applications and requested that the Officer draft a letter to the Minister for Children and Education, with questions about the delays and in order to obtain some quantitative data.</p>	<p>KDC</p>
<p>9. States of Jersey Ambulance Service (SoJAS): Staffing Concerns</p> <p>The Panel expressed concern about reports it had received that the SoJAS recently had to operate with low numbers of qualified frontline staff and requested that the Officer draft a letter to the Minister for Home Affairs with questions about the SoJAS staffing situation.</p>	<p>KDC</p>
<p>10. Visit to the Office of the Children’s Commissioner</p> <p>The Panel visited the Office of the Children’s Commissioner for an introductory meeting with Andrea Le Saint, the Interim Children’s Commissioner, Sheree Maher, Participation and Communication Lead and Sam Le Quesne, Communications Officer. This meeting was held in private in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Absolute Exemption Article 26 and a private record was taken.</p>	
<p>11. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted its next scheduled meeting was due to take place at 10am on 3rd October 2022 in the Le Capelain Room of the States Assembly Building.</p>	

Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 29th September 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair Connétable Mark Labey, Member of the Panel
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Deputy Inna Gardiner, Minister for Children and Education Deputy Louise Doublet, Assistant Minister for Children and Education Mrs. N. Turner, Headteacher, Grouville School Katherine de Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Ben Walker, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Site visit to Grouville School</p> <p>The Panel, together with the Minister and Assistant Minister for Children and Education, received a tour of Grouville primary school from the Headteacher.</p> <p>It was explained that the school had a two form entry for children from Reception to Year 6 and also incorporated a pre-school nursery, which had a dedicated space and outside area. The Panel visited the classroom and library space and were also given the opportunity to speak to some children in the learning environment.</p> <p>The Panel viewed the school hall and heard about the proposed plans for the delivery of hot school meals and the addition of a servery. The Panel heard about the challenges that the school had with the size of, and sound within, the hall and storage space throughout the school building.</p> <p>The school had a variety of excellent outside areas to enhance the learning environment for the children. There were separate garden play spaces for the nursery and reception classes, together with a playground, artificial grass space and a grass field available for the whole school. The school also benefited from the use of an adjacent meadow, Le Pre Arthur, which was used for a range of outdoor learning. The Headteacher explained that the meadow was owned by a trust and was managed and operated by a team of volunteers. Maintenance of the meadow was largely financed through sponsorship and fundraising.</p> <p>Vehicle access to the school for drop off and collection times was noted to be a particular challenge but was currently managed by providing different year groups with specific drop off and pick up times.</p>	

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The Panel thanked the Headteacher for her time, and they concluded the site visit of Grouville school.	
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Record of Meeting

Date: 3rd October 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair
Apologies	Connétable Mark Labey, Member
Absent	
In attendance	Item 2 only: James Turner, Regional Officer, Unite Jersey Katherine de Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted and approved the records of the meeting held on 26th September 2022.</p> <p>The Panel considered the draft file notes from 26th September 2022 and the Chair requested a further addition. The Officer undertook to draft the change and re-send the file note to the Chair for approval.</p>	<p>KdC</p>
<p>2. Unite, the Union</p> <p>The Panel welcomed Mr. James Turner, representing Unite, the Union ('Unite') (the 'Representative') to the meeting.</p> <p>The Panel had invited the Representative to meet with them as part of its introductory programme to the Panel's remit of work. During the meeting, at the request of the Panel, the following matters were discussed with the Representative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment and retention of staff, by the Government of Jersey as an employer: the Panel indicated that this matter had been highlighted to them as an issue for a number of Government Services. • Trainee schemes: The Government's apprenticeship scheme and the Paid Training Initiative through Back to Work was discussed. The Representative advised that Unite had actively promoted the initiative to employers, but there was no indication of what the take-up rate had been. Attendees also discussed the rate of minimum wage for trainees and the importance of succession planning and training. • States of Jersey Ambulance Service (SoJAS): The Panel explained that it had been made aware of concerns in relation to the SoJAS, namely that it had recently had to operate with low levels of qualified frontline staff. The Representative confirmed that Unite, the Union was aware of these problems through their representatives. It was noted that the Panel had sent a letter to the Minister for Home Affairs on 28th September 2022 and were expecting a response during the course of the week. • Working conditions: Minimum holiday entitlement had recently increased in Jersey, however, it was stated that this still fell below the entitlement in the 	

UK. Other work benefits could be provided by employers in addition to cash, for example, options for health and dental insurance 'bolt-on' options.

- **Childcare:** Attendees discussed issues arising for employees when work patterns were changed to be less family friendly.
- **Employment of ex-offenders:** In response to queries from the Panel regarding the employment of ex-offenders, the Representative confirmed that he would expect any ex-offender to be treated equally to, and have the same conditions and pay as, other employees. The Representative advised that in his role as a union representative for Prison Officers he understood that the training and rehabilitation offer in the prison had been changed.
- **Zero hours contracts:** The Representative advised the Panel that Unite, the Union did not support zero hours contracts. Whilst it was recognised that there were certain circumstances where a zero-hours contract could be beneficial to both employee and employer, there was also the risk of employees having negative impacts on their life from this type of employment contract. For example, a zero-hours contract would not provide sufficient evidence of income required for a phone contract, or property lease.
- **Minimum wage:** The Panel and the Representative discussed recent changes to the minimum wage in Jersey and conversations about moving to a Living Wage.
- **In work discrimination:** It was noted that, since 2017, businesses with over 250 employees in the UK had to report on the gender pay gap, however, this reporting was not required in Jersey. The Panel was advised that Unite was attempting to drive down the gender pay gap. It was suggested that some businesses were not able to recognise their position until they had undertaken work to see the difference between the average earnings of men and women across a workforce. The Representative indicated that, generally, he was aware of fewer complaints of employer to employee discrimination than employee to employee discrimination.
- **Reach of the union:** The Panel enquired whether the Union had representatives from all work sectors and, also, whether people who worked in Jersey on temporary work permits could become members. The Representative advised that Unite was open to memberships for workers in many sectors, but there was generally less membership from sectors such as tourism and hospitality. The Panel was advised that a community membership was also available for individuals who were not in work.

The Panel asked the Representative if there were any matters that he wished to highlight, and the following areas were discussed:

- **Health and Safety:** including that Jersey was behind UK standards.
- **Employment Law:** The limitation period on unfair dismissal claims in Jersey employment law was 56 days, compared to 90 days in the UK. It was suggested that the 90-day timeframe was tight, and therefore the shorter timeframe in Jersey created further pressure. The Panel was advised that, in some instances, there was not enough time for employees to undertake the process within the available time window.

The Panel thanked the Representative for his time, and he left the meeting.

3. Ministerial Decisions

Since its previous meeting, the Panel had not been made aware of any Ministerial Decisions signed by either the Minister for Home Affairs, or the Minister for Children

<p>and Education. No further Ministerial Decisions had been uploaded to the gov.je website.</p>	
<p>4. Government Plan 2023-2026 and Common Strategic Policy</p> <p>The Panel noted that both the Government Plan 2023-2026 (GP) and the Common Strategic Policy (CSP) were due to be published on 4th October 2022. It was expected that there would be various programmes and areas for the Panel to review within the GP.</p> <p>The Officer reported that the Scrutiny Liaison Committee (SLC) was due to meet during the afternoon of the 3rd of October and would consider the general approach that individual panels should take to both the GP and CSP, to ensure an overhead level of coordination.</p> <p>It was also highlighted that, whilst the GP and CSP were to be published on 4th October, it was expected that some of the underlying business plans and the appendix would not be available for the Panel to review until approximately 17th October 2022. The Officer highlighted that this could truncate the review time available, and the Panel would need to be mindful of this.</p> <p>The Officer confirmed that further details would be circulated to the Panel at the earliest opportunity, including a draft terms of reference and scoping document for the Panel to consider, in due course.</p>	<p>KdC</p>
<p>5. Site Visits / Briefings with the relevant Ministers and Departments</p> <p>The Panel noted the schedule of site visits which had been arranged for October 2022. The schedule included visits to Springfield school, Rouge Bouillon school, HM Prison La Moye, and a re-scheduled visit to Greenfields Children's Home.</p>	
<p>6. Work Programme</p> <p>The Panel noted its draft work programme. As noted above, the Government Plan 2023-2026 was due to be published on 4th October 2022 and it was anticipated that this would be the next significant piece of work for the Panel to address.</p>	
<p>7. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted its next scheduled meeting was due to take place at 10am on 17th October 2022 in the Le Capelain Room of the States Assembly Building.</p>	

Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 13th October 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Connétable Mark Labey, Member
Apologies	Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair
Absent	
In attendance	Mal Robson, Head Teacher, Springfield Primary School Katherine De Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Ben Walker, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Site visit: Springfield Primary School, 75 St Mark's Road, St Helier, JE2 4LF</p> <p>The Panel visited Springfield Primary School and was received by Mal Robson, Headteacher of the school.</p> <p>The Panel received a tour of the school and its facilities by the Headteacher and also had the opportunity of meeting a number of the teaching staff.</p> <p>The Panel thanked the Headteacher and teaching staff for their time, and the site visit was concluded.</p>	

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Record of Meeting

Date: 17th October 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair
Apologies	Connétable Mark Labey, Member
Absent	
In attendance	Item 2 only: Claire Kelly, Executive Officer, Jersey Police Authority Katherine De Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Ben Walker, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted and approved the records of meetings held on 29th September 2022 and 3rd October 2022.</p>	
<p>2. Jersey Police Authority (JPA)</p> <p>The Panel received Claire Kelly, Executive Officer, JPA (Executive Officer) for a meeting to discuss matters related to the work of the JPA. This meeting was held in private in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Absolute Exemption Article 26 and a private record was taken.</p>	
<p>3. Ministerial Decisions</p> <p>The Officer informed the Panel that a Ministerial Decision related to the Convention on Extradition between the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Morocco: Extension, had been signed by the Minister for Home Affairs. The Panel noted the Ministerial Decision and agreed to take no further action.</p>	
<p>4. P.98/2022: Common Strategic Policy</p> <p>The Panel recalled that it wished to assess whether the 2022 Jersey Youth Manifesto (Manifesto) created by children, young people and the Office of the Children's Commissioner, had been considered by Government in the development of the Common Strategic Policy (CSP).</p> <p>The Panel discussed the CSP in relation to the Manifesto and agreed to further consider the CSP with regard to the Governments Ministerial Plans. The Panel</p>	KDC/BW
<p>5. P.97/2022: Government Plan 2023-2026</p> <p>The Panel noted a briefing paper provided by the Officer with regard to the Panel's Review of Government Plan 2023-2026 which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The background and context to the Government Plan • The requirements of the Government Plan • Key documents associated with the Government Plan • Scrutiny's approach to the Government Plan review • The next steps for the Panels review of Government Plan 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Hearings with Ministers • Potential stakeholder witnesses • The review timeline • Government Plan additional revenue programmes for review • Government Plan capital projects for review <p>The Officer informed the Panel that areas of questioning and correspondence could be drafted to various stakeholders in regard to Government Plan projects within the Panels remit.</p> <p>The Panel asked about the Education Reform - Inclusion Review item in the Government Plan. It was advised that the Panel was due to receive a briefing on the Education Reform - Inclusion Review in November 2022.</p> <p>The Panel wished to know about Government Plan funds labelled as 'Reserves'. It was advised that 'Reserves' were Government business cases that had not yet received approval.</p> <p>The Panel noted the draft Terms of Reference and Scoping documentation for the Government Plan review and approved that the Chair be designated to provide approval for the final drafts, following insertion of the Digital and Public Engagement budget.</p>	KDC
<p>6. Scrutiny Member Training: Preparation for Public Hearings</p> <p>The Officer delivered a presentation to the Panel with regard to the conduct of Scrutiny Panel's in relation to Quarterly Public Hearings. The presentation included an overview of the background and context in which Quarterly Public Hearings took place, the role of question plans, the format of Quarterly Public Hearings, the role of the Panel Chair and proposed timescales for the Panels 2022 Quarterly Hearings.</p> <p>The Panel was given the opportunity to ask questions about process and operational procedure ahead of its first public hearing, scheduled for 20th October 2022.</p>	
<p>7. Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Children and Education</p> <p>The Panel noted that it was due to receive the Minister for Children and Education for a Quarterly Public Hearing on 20th October 2022 at 10am and noted and discussed the draft question plan.</p> <p>The Officer informed the Panel that a list of the attendees to the Quarterly Public Hearing would be provided to the Panel in advance of the Hearing, and that name plates would be provided for each attendee.</p>	
<p>8. Site visits/briefings with the relevant Ministers and Departments</p> <p>The Panel noted its schedule of site visits and briefings in October 2022 circulated by the Officer.</p>	
<p>9. Work Programme</p> <p>The Panel noted its work programme for October 2022 to March 2023 circulated by the Officer.</p>	
<p>10. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting was due to take place at 10am on 24th October 2022 in the Le Capelain Room of the States Assembly Building.</p>	

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Record of Meeting

Date: 19th October 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair Connétable Mark Labey, Member
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Susie Richardson, Prison Governor, HM La Moye Prison, Justice and Home Affairs Artur Soliwoda, Deputy Prison Governor, HM La Moye Prison, Justice and Home Affairs Katherine De Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Ben Walker, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Site Visit: HM La Moye Prison, La Rue Baal, St Brelade, Jersey, JE3 8HQ</p> <p>The Panel visited HM La Moye Prison (Prison) to discuss the services provided by the Prison, the physical environment available to Prisoners and their families, a tour of the key facilities at the Prison and the opportunity to informally discuss the key Prison services and challenges with Prison staff.</p> <p>The Panel discussed key Prison services and challenges with Suzie Richardson, Prison Governor and Artur Soliwoda, Deputy Prison Governor and Prison Officers for HM La Moye Prison, Justice and Home Affairs. It was advised that whilst overall the Prison catered well for the needs of Prisoners, key challenges included recruitment and retention of Prison Officers.</p> <p>The Panel then received a tour of the Prison by the Deputy Prison Governor. The Panel were shown horticultural grounds, a carpentry workshop, a gym and sports hall, a residential wing, the Prison control room and the visitor area.</p> <p>The Panel was introduced to a number of Prison staff present during the tour which provided an opportunity to informally discuss the delivery of Prison services.</p> <p>The Panel thanked the Deputy Prison Governor for his time, and they concluded the site visit of the Prison.</p>	

Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 20th October 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair Connétable Mark Labey, Member
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	<p>Item 1 only: Deputy Inna Gardiner, Minister for Children and Education Connétable Richard Vibert, Assistant Minister for Children and Education Deputy Louise Doublet, Assistant Minister for Children and Education Sean O'Regan, Group Director, Children, Young People, Education and Skills Johnathan Williams, Programme Director, Education Reform, Children, Young People, Education and Skills</p> <p>Item 2 only: Russell Price, Headteacher, Rouge Bouillon School Katherine De Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Ben Walker, Research and Project Officer</p>

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Quarterly Public Hearing: Minister for Children and Education</p> <p>The Panel noted and discussed its question plan in preparation for the Public Hearing with the Minister for Children and Education at 10:00am.</p> <p>The Panel welcomed the Minister for Children and Education and various Government Officers for a Quarterly Public Hearing at 10.00am. The hearing was recorded, and webcast live via Public-I and a transcript was produced.</p> <p>Following the Public Hearing, the Panel discussed key topics to include on its social media updates with the Panel's Communications Officer.</p>	
<p>2. Site Visit: Rouge Bouillon School, Brighton Rd, St Helier, Jersey JE2 3YN, Jersey</p> <p>The Panel visited Rouge Bouillon Primary School and was received by Russell Price, Headteacher of the school.</p> <p>The Panel received a tour of the school and its facilities by the Headteacher and also had the opportunity of meeting a number of the teaching staff.</p> <p>The Panel thanked the Headteacher and teaching staff for their time, and the site visit was concluded.</p>	

Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 21st October 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair Connétable Mark Labey, Member
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Carl Le Poidevin, Team Manager, Greenfields Secure Care Unit Katherine de Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Ben Walker, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Site Visit: Greenfields Secure Care Unit, La Gd Rte de Saint-Martin, Jersey JE2 7GS</p> <p>The Panel visited Greenfields Secure Care Unit (Greenfields) to discuss the services provided by Greenfields, observe the physical environment available to residents and their families and receive a tour of the key facilities.</p> <p>The Panel discussed key services and challenges of the unit with Carl Le Poidevin, Team Manager (Team Manager) at Greenfields, Children, Young People, Education and Skills.</p> <p>The Panel then received a tour of Greenfields by the Team Manager. The Panel were shown the reception and waiting areas, the main resident entrance, residential wings, the visitor area, outside spaces, a sports hall and educational facilities.</p> <p>The Panel thanked the Team Manager for his time, and they concluded the site visit.</p>	

Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 24th October 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair Connétable Mark Labey, Member
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Katherine de Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Ben Walker, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted that the record and file note of the meeting held on 13th October 2022 would be provided in due course.</p>	
<p>2. Ministerial Decisions</p> <p>The Officer informed the Panel that there had been no new Ministerial Decisions for the Panel to consider.</p>	
<p>3. P.97/2022: Government Plan 2023-2026 (GP)</p> <p>The Panel noted the briefing paper prepared by the Panels Officers in respect of the review of the Proposed GP (GP review).</p> <p>The Panel discussed the draft Terms of Reference and the draft Scoping Document, which focused on the Panel's remit and specific areas of interest in the GP.</p> <p>The draft Terms of Reference for the GP review had been drafted in collaboration with other scrutiny panels. They were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To review components of the Government Plan 2023-2026 Proposition which are relevant to the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel to determine the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The impact of the Government Plan proposals on departmental budgets, savings and staffing levels. b) Whether the proposed additional revenue programmes and capital projects are appropriate and likely to have a positive impact on Islanders and Island life. c) How additional revenue programmes and capital projects align with the Common Strategic Policy and the aims and objectives of the Ministerial Plans. d) If the resources allocated to projects are sufficient, ensure value for money and are best use of public funds. <p>The Panel considered options for the output of its GP review. It was considered too early to determine whether the Panel would present a scrutiny report or a comments</p>	

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<p>paper and this could be agreed at a later date. The Panel also noted that it could make amendments to the GP, if any suitable areas were identified.</p> <p>After due consideration and discussion, the Panel noted and approved the draft Terms of Reference and Scoping Document for the GP review.</p> <p>The Panel discussed the GP and requested that the Officer draft written correspondence to the Ministers for Children and Education and Home Affairs and key stakeholders, with questions related to the GP review for the Panel to consider and approve.</p>	<p>KDC/BW</p>
<p>4. Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Home Affairs</p> <p>The Panel noted it was due to receive the Minister for Home Affairs on Friday 11th November 2022 at 10:30am for a Quarterly Public Hearing and agreed that this would be rescheduled to take place at 12:15pm on Friday 11th November 2022.</p> <p>The Panel discussed and agreed areas of questioning ahead of the Hearing.</p>	<p>BW</p>
<p>5. Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Children and Education</p> <p>The Panel noted it was due to receive the Minister for Children and Education on Friday 17th November 2022 at 10am for a Quarterly Public Hearing and agreed that this would be rescheduled to take place on Thursday 8th December at 10am.</p> <p>The Panel discussed and agreed areas of questioning ahead of the Hearing.</p>	<p>BW</p>
<p>6. Site visits/briefings with the relevant Ministers and Departments</p> <p>The Panel noted its schedule of meetings, public hearings and site visits for November to December 2022.</p> <p>The Panel was informed that its site visit to Les Quennevais School on Thursday 17th November 2022 had been cancelled and would be rescheduled in due course.</p>	<p>BW</p>
<p>7. Work Programme</p> <p>The Panel noted and discussed its current work programme.</p>	
<p>8. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting was due to take place at 10am on Monday 31st October 2022 in the Le Capelain Room of the States Assembly Building.</p>	

Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 31st October 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair Connétable Mark Labey, Member
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Item 3 and 4 only: Deputy Helen Miles, Minister for Home Affairs Kate Briden, Director General, Justice and Home Affairs Peter Gavey, Chief Ambulance Officer, States of Jersey Ambulance Service Paul Brown, Chief Fire Officer, States of Jersey Fire and Rescue Service Katherine de Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Ben Walker, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Records of Meetings The Panel noted and approved the record of the meeting held on 13th October 2022.	
2. Ministerial Decisions The Officer informed the Panel that there had been no new Ministerial Decisions for the Panel to consider.	
3. Briefing on the Independent Review: The States of Jersey Ambulance Service (SoJAS Review) The Panel received Deputy Helen Miles, Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Gavey, Chief Ambulance Officer, States of Jersey Ambulance Service and Kate Briden, Directors General of Justice and Home Affairs for a briefing on the Independent Review of the States of Jersey Ambulance Service. This meeting was held in private in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Absolute Exemption Article 26 and a private record was taken.	
4. Briefing on the Local Government Association and National Fire Chiefs Council Bespoke Peer Challenge: States of Jersey Fire and Rescue Service: Feedback Report (SoJFRS Peer Report) The Panel received Deputy Helen Miles, Minister for Home Affairs, Paul Brown, Chief Fire Officer, States of Jersey Fire and Rescue Service and Kate Briden, Directors General of Justice and Home Affairs for a briefing on the Independent Review of the States of Jersey Fire and Rescue Service. This meeting was held in private in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Absolute Exemption Article 26 and a private record was taken.	

<p>5. Comments Paper on P.96/2022 re the Draft Children and Young People (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 202-</p> <p>The Panel approved the draft comments paper on P.96/2022, Draft Children and Young People (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 202-</p>	
<p>6. P.97/2022: Government Plan 2023-2026 (GP)</p> <p>The Panel noted and discussed areas of questioning ahead of its Public Hearings with the Minister's for Children and Education on Wednesday 7th November 2022 at 10am and Home Affairs on Friday 11th November 2022 at 11:05am.</p> <p>The Panel requested that the draft correspondence with some initial questions to Ministers and key stakeholders be sent out.</p>	KDC/BW
<p>7. P.98/2022: Proposed Common Strategic Policy</p> <p>The Panel noted that written correspondence with questions about the cost and accessibility of primary healthcare for children in Jersey had been sent to key stakeholders on 27th October 2022 and that a response was due by 3rd November 2022.</p>	
<p>8. Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Home Affairs</p> <p>The Panel noted it was due to receive the Minister for Home Affairs on Friday 11th November 2022 at 10:30am for a Quarterly Public Hearing.</p> <p>The Panel discussed and agreed areas of questioning ahead of the Hearing.</p>	
<p>9. Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Children and Education</p> <p>The Panel noted it was due to receive the Minister for Children and Education on Thursday 8th December 2022 at 10am for a Quarterly Public Hearing.</p>	
<p>10. Site visits / briefings with the relevant Ministers and Departments</p> <p>The Panel noted its schedule of meetings, hearings and site visits for November to December 2022.</p>	
<p>11. Work Programme</p> <p>The Panel noted and discussed its current work programme.</p>	
<p>12. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting was due to take place at 10am on Monday 14th November 2022 in the Le Capelain Room of the States Assembly Building.</p> <p>The Panel also agreed to meet on Monday 7th November 2022 to discuss draft question plans ahead of its Public Hearings with the Ministers for Children and Education on Wednesday 7th November 2022 at 10am and Home Affairs on Friday 11th November 2022, and requested that the Officer send out a meeting request.</p>	BW

Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 7th November 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Connétable Mark Labey, Member
Apologies	Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair
Absent	
In attendance	Katherine de Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Ben Walker, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Meeting: Public Hearing Question Plans The Panel noted and discussed its question plans in preparation for the Government Plan 2023-2026 Review Public Hearing with the Minister for Children and Education on Wednesday 9th November 2022 at 10am, the Government Plan 2023-2026 Review Public Hearing with the Minister for Home Affairs on Friday 11th November 2022 at 11:05am and the Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Home Affairs on Friday 11th November at 12:15pm.	

Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 8th November 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair Connétable Mark Labey, Member
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Connétable Michael Jackson Michel Bougeard, Centenier Amanda Wright, Centenier David Wheeler, Centenier Fee Roberts, Parish Secretary Katherine de Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Ben Walker, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Site Visit: Parish Hall of St Brelade, La Neuve Route, St Brelade, JE3 8BS</p> <p>The Panel visited St Brelade Parish Hall (Parish Hall) and was received by Connétable Michael Jackson, Michel Bougeard, Centenier, Amanda Wright, Centenier, David Wheeler, Centenier and Fee Roberts, Parish Secretary.</p> <p>The Panel discussed the role of the Centeniers and key challenges faced by the Honorary Police in St Brelade. The Panel then received a tour of the Honorary Police Station at the Parish Hall by the Connétable and Centeniers.</p> <p>The Panel thanked the Connétable and Centeniers for their time, and the site visit was concluded.</p>	

Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 9th November 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair Connétable Mark Labey, Member
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Deputy Inna Gardiner, Minister for Children and Education Connétable Richard Vibert, Assistant Minister for Children and Education Deputy Louise Doublet, Assistant Minister for Children and Education Robert Sainsbury, Interim Director General, Children, Young People, Education and Skills Johnathan Williams, Programme Director, Education Reform, Children, Young People, Education and Skills Emily Thomas, Campaign Manager (acting Communications Officer for the Panel) Katherine de Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Ben Walker, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Government Plan 2023-2026 Public Review Hearing: Minister for Children and Education</p> <p>The Panel noted and discussed its question plan in preparation for the Public Hearing with the Minister for Children and Education at 10am.</p> <p>The Panel welcomed the Minister for Children and Education and various Government Officers for a Government Plan 2023-2026 Public Review Hearing at 10am. The hearing was recorded, and webcast live via Public-I and a transcript was produced.</p> <p>Following the Public Hearing, the Panel discussed key topics to include on its social media updates with the Panel's acting Communications Officer.</p>	

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Record of Meeting

Date: 11th November 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair Connétable Mark Labey, Member
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	<p>Item 1 and 2: Deputy Helen Miles, Minister for Home Affairs Robin Smith, Chief Officer, States of Jersey Police, Justice and Home Affairs Kate Briden, Directors General, Justice and Home Affairs</p> <p>Item 2 only: Deputy Louise Doublet, Assistant Minister for Children and Education Nathan Fox, Head of Policy – Criminal Justice, Justice and Home Affairs</p> <p>Emily Thomas, Campaign Manager (acting Communications Officer for the Panel) Katherine de Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Ben Walker, Research and Project Officer</p>

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Government Plan 2023-2026 Public Review Hearing: Minister for Home Affairs</p> <p>The Panel noted and discussed its question plan in preparation for the Public Hearing with the Minister for Home Affairs at 11:05am.</p> <p>The Panel welcomed the Minister for Home Affairs and various Government Officers for a Government Plan 2023-2026 Public Review Hearing at 11.05am. The hearing was recorded, and webcast live via Public-I and a transcript was produced.</p> <p>Following the Public Hearing, the Panel discussed key topics to include on its social media updates with the Panel’s Communications Officer.</p>	
<p>2. Quarterly Public Hearing: Minister for Home Affairs</p> <p>The Panel noted and discussed its question plan in preparation for the Public Hearing with the Minister for Home Affairs at 12:15pm.</p> <p>The Panel welcomed the Minister for Home Affairs and various Government Officers for a Quarterly Public Hearing at 12:15pm. The hearing was recorded, and webcast live via Public-I and a transcript was produced.</p> <p>Following the Public Hearing, the Panel discussed key topics to include on its social media updates with the Panel’s acting Communications Officer.</p>	

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Record of Meeting

Date: 14th November 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair
Apologies	Connétable Mark Labey, Member
Absent	
In attendance	Katherine de Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Ben Walker, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted that it had a number of minutes for the previous month outstanding. The Officer confirmed that the draft minutes would be prepared and tabled for the Panel to consider at its next meeting.</p>	<p>KdC / BW</p>
<p>2. Ministerial Decisions</p> <p>Since its previous meeting, the Panel had not been made aware of any Ministerial Decisions signed by the Minister for Home Affairs.</p> <p>The Panel noted MD-CED-2022-701, Education (Grants and Allowances) (2022 Academic Year) (Jersey) Order 2022, which had been signed by the Minister for Children and Education on 8th November 2022. The Ministerial Decision approved that a one-off payment was made to students which would have the overall effect of increasing the amount of maintenance received for the 2022-23 academic year by 10.1%, compared to the 2021-22 academic year.</p>	
<p>3. Draft Criminal Justice (Deferred Prosecution Agreements) (Jersey) Law 202- (P.103/2022)</p> <p>The Panel noted the briefing it received on 4th November 2022 on the subject of the Draft Criminal Justice (Deferred Prosecution Agreements) (Jersey) Law 202- (the 'draft Law'). The Panel noted that the draft Law would be debated in the Assembly in the sitting due to commence on 13th December 2022.</p> <p>The Panel noted that it would send any further questions on the draft Law though to the Officer.</p>	
<p>4. Government Plan 2023-2026 (GP) (P.97/2022)</p> <p>The Panel noted the progress of its review of the Proposed Government Plan 2023-2026.</p> <p>The Panel had undertaken a public hearing with the Minister for Children and Education on 9th November 2022 and had sent a follow up letter to the Minister on 10th November 2022.</p>	

<p>The Panel had undertaken a public hearing with the Minister for Home Affairs on 11th November 2022. The Panel considered and approved a letter to be sent to the Minister for Home Affairs as a follow up to the hearing.</p> <p>The Panel discussed and approved the Heads of Report for the review of the Government Plan 2023-2026.</p>	
<p>5. Site visits</p> <p>The Panel noted the schedule of site visits which had been arranged for November 2022. The Panel noted that its visit to Les Quennevais school on 17th November 2022 had been cancelled and would be rescheduled for a date in 2023.</p>	BW
<p>6. Work Programme</p> <p>The Panel noted and discussed its current work programme.</p> <p>The Officer advised that the work programme document would be updated and shared with the Scrutiny Liaison Committee during the course of the following week.</p>	KdC
<p>7. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting was due to take place at 10 am on Monday 28th November 2022 in the Le Capelain Room of the States Assembly Building.</p>	

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Record of Meeting

Date: 28th November 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair Connétable Mark Labey, Member
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Item 2 only: Kate Briden, Director General, Justice and Home Affairs Katherine de Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Ben Walker, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The Panel decided to defer the approval of its records of meetings until its next meeting.</p>	
<p>2. Introduction to Director General, Justice and Home Affairs</p> <p>The Panel welcomed Kate Briden, Director General, Justice and Home Affairs (the Director General) to the meeting.</p> <p>The Director General provided the Panel with an overview of her role and experience and the Panel informally asked questions about the operations of Justice and Home Affairs.</p> <p>The Panel noted that it had visited a number of the services and sites under the Justice and Home Affairs directorate and expressed its admiration for the services.</p> <p>The Panel thanked the Director General for her time and she left the meeting.</p>	
<p>3. Divorce Reform</p> <p>The Panel noted that its briefing on Divorce Reform had been cancelled on Thursday 24th November 2022 (as it was a continuation day for the States Assembly) and would be rescheduled for January 2023.</p>	KdC
<p>4. Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Children and Education</p> <p>The Panel noted it was due to receive the Minister for Children and Education on Thursday 8th December 2022 at 10am for a Quarterly Public Hearing.</p> <p>The Panel discussed and agreed areas of questioning ahead of the Hearing.</p>	
<p>5. P.97/2022: Government Plan 2023-2026 (GP)</p> <p>The Officer provided the Panel with details about the timeline that was required for it to review and approve the final draft of its GP review report, including the factchecking process and subsequent presentation to the States Assembly.</p>	

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<p>6. Ministerial Decisions</p> <p>Since its previous meeting, the Panel had not been made aware of any Ministerial Decisions signed by either the Minister for Home Affairs or the Minister for Children and Education.</p>	
<p>7. Meeting Dates for 2023</p> <p>The Panel considered and approved its schedule of proposed meeting dates for 2023.</p> <p>The Panel requested that Officers circulate calender appointments in due course.</p>	<p>KdC</p>
<p>8. Work Programme</p> <p>The Panel noted and discussed its current work programme.</p> <p>The Officer advised that the work programme document would be updated and shared with the Scrutiny Liaison Committee during the course of the following week.</p>	<p>KdC</p>
<p>9. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel agreed to change the date of its next scheduled meeting. It was agreed that the Panel would meet at 11 am on Tuesday 6thth December 2022 in the Le Capelain Room of the States Assembly Building.</p>	

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Record of Meeting

Date: 29th November 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair Connétable Mark Labey, Member
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Ben Sandeman, Senior Policy Officer, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Katherine de Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Ben Walker, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Briefing on Draft Marriage and Civil Partnership (Amendments) (Jersey) Law 202- The Panel received Ben Sandeman, Senior Policy Officer, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance for a briefing on the Draft Marriage and Civil Partnership (Amendments) (Jersey) Law 202-. This meeting was held in private in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Absolute Exemption Article 36 and a private record was taken.	

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Record of Meeting

Date: 6th December 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair Connétable Mark Labey, Member
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Katherine de Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted and approved the minutes of its meetings held on 17th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 24th, 31st October and 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th November 2022.</p>	
<p>2. Draft Marriage and Civil Partnership (Amendments) (Jersey) Law 202-</p> <p>The Panel noted that it had received a briefing on the Draft Marriage and Partnership (Amendments) (Jersey) Law 202- on 29th November 2022, which had subsequently been lodged as P.112/2022 by the Minister for Home Affairs on 5th December 2022.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to update the comments paper that it had produced for P.88/2022 (Draft Marriage and Partnership (Amendments) (Jersey) Law 202-) to reflect the changes addressed by P.112/2022.</p>	KdC
<p>3. Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Children and Education</p> <p>The Panel noted it was due to receive the Minister for Children and Education on Thursday 8th December 2022 at 10am for a Quarterly Public Hearing.</p> <p>The Panel discussed and approved its question plan ahead of the Hearing.</p>	
<p>4. P.97/2022: Government Plan 2023-2026 (GP)</p> <p>The Panel agreed that the executive summary for its GP review report would be approved by the Chair of the Panel.</p> <p>The officer provided the Panel with an overview of all the factchecking responses received from stakeholders and the Panel approved a number of minor amendments and clarifications.</p> <p>Subject to the addition of the executive summary and the suggested amendments accepted during the factchecking process, the Panel noted and approved its draft GP review report.</p> <p>The Panel requested that its GP review report be publicised through social media and a press release.</p>	

<p>It was noted that a high-level summary of the Panel’s GP review would be highlighted within a digital report that would summarise the work of all the Scrutiny Panels in relation to the review of the Proposed Government Plan 2023-2026.</p>	
<p>5. Draft Criminal Justice (Deferred Prosecution Agreements) (Jersey) Law 202-</p> <p>The Panel approved the draft comments paper prepared in respect of the Draft Criminal Justice (Deferred Prosecution Agreements) (Jersey) Law 202-.</p> <p>The Panel requested the officer to make arrangements to lodge the Comments paper.</p>	<p>KdC</p>
<p>6. Ministerial Decisions</p> <p>Since its previous meeting, the Panel had not been made aware of any Ministerial Decisions signed by the Minister for Children and Education.</p> <p>The Panel noted that MD-HA-2022-764 had been signed by the Minister for Home Affairs on 30th November 2022, which had approved the lodging of the Draft Marriage and Civil Partnership (Amendments) (Jersey) Law 202- (discussed by the Panel in section 2 of these minutes).</p>	
<p>7. Training for 2023</p> <p>The Panel deferred discussion about its training requirements until its next meeting.</p>	
<p>8. Work Programme</p> <p>The Panel noted and discussed its current work programme.</p>	
<p>9. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting was due to take place at 10am on 19th December 2022 in the Le Capelain Room of the States Assembly Building.</p>	

Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 8th December 2022

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Vice-Chair Connétable Mark Labey
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Deputy Inna Gardiner, Minister for Children and Education Stuart Penn, Assistant Manager, Children, Young People, Education and Skills Katherine de Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Briefing: Further Education and Skills Actionable Agenda</p> <p>The Panel received Deputy Inna Gardiner, Minister for Children and Education, and Stuart Penn, Assistant Manager, Children, Young People, Education and Skills for a briefing on the Further Education and Skills Actionable Agenda.</p> <p>This meeting was held in private in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Qualified Exemption Article 36 and a private record was taken.</p>	