

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(41st Meeting)

20th May 2010PART A

All members were present, with the exception of Senator T.J. Le Main, Minister for Housing, Senator F.E. Cohen, Minister for Planning and Environment, Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade, Minister for Transport and Technical Services and Deputy J.G. Reed, Minister for Education, Sport and Culture, from whom apologies had been received.

Senator T.A. Le Sueur, Chief Minister
 Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources
 Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Economic Development
 Senator B.I. Le Marquand, Minister for Home Affairs
 Deputy R.C. Duhamel, Assistant Minister for Planning and Environment
 Deputy A.E. Pryke, Minister for Health and Social Services
 Deputy K.C. Lewis, Assistant Minister for Transport and Technical Services
 Deputy I.J. Gorst, Minister for Social Security
 Deputy A.T. Dupre, Assistant Minister for Education, Sport and Culture

In attendance -

Connétable K.P. Vibert, Chairman, Comité des Connétables
 W.D. Ogley, Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 J. Richardson, Deputy Chief Executive (for items B2 and B3)
 H. McGarel-Groves, Interim Treasurer of the States (for items B2 and B3)
 A. Taylor, Head of Financial Reporting, Treasury and Resources Department (for item B2)
 D. Peedle, Economic Adviser (for item B7)
 R. Jouault, Acting Chief Officer, Health and Social Services Department (for item A3)
 R. Johnson, Executive Officer, Children's Policy Group (for item A3)
 C. Anderson, Team Leader, Comprehensive Spending Review (for item B1)
 J. Marshall, Strategic Planning Manager (for item B1)
 T. Murphy, Research and Project Officer
 M.N. de la Haye, Greffier of the States
 I. Clarkson, Clerk to the Council of Ministers

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A and Part B.

Minutes

A1. The Minutes of the meetings held on 22nd and 29th April 2010 (Parts A and B), having been circulated previously, were taken as read and were confirmed.

States
 business.
 1240/7/1(1)

A2. The Council reviewed the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly during the remainder of the First Session of 2010. Particular consideration was given to the following –

(a) - Strategy for dealing with young offenders: establishment of Working Group (P.201/2009) – the Council was advised that the

Greffier of the States had received notice that the proposition was to be withdrawn;

- (b) **Health and Social Services Department: Management Improvement Plan (P.31/2010)** – the Council noted that the Minister for Health and Social Services was minded to accept the proposition;
- (c) **Draft Amendment (No. 13) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey (P.41/2010)** – the Council noted the proposition and agreed that Ministers should speak individually on the proposals therein to amend the disciplinary sanctions available to the Assembly in cases of breaches of the Code of Conduct for Elected Members;
- (d) **Draft Incorporated Limited Partnerships (Jersey) Law 201-(P.45/2010) and Draft Separate Limited Partnerships (Jersey) Law 201- (P.46/2010)** – the Council endorsed both propositions;
- (e) **Jersey Financial Services Commission: appointment of Commissioner (P.58/2010)** – the Council endorsed the proposition; and,
- (f) **Public Employees Contributory Retirement Scheme Committee of Management: membership (P.60/2010)** – the Council endorsed the proposition.

Children's
Policy Group:
terms of
reference.
1064/3(11)

A3. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. B1 of 25th March 2010 and with R. Jouault, Acting Chief Officer, Health and Social Services Department and R. Johnson, Executive Officer, Children's Policy Group in attendance, considered a report, dated 18th May 2010 and concerning draft terms of reference for the Children's Policy Group (CPG).

Ministers recalled that the CPG had been provisionally established earlier in 2010 as a replacement for the previous 'Corporate Parent' entity and with the following membership –

Minister for Health and Social Services (Chairman)
Minister for Education, Sport and Culture
Minister for Home Affairs
Assistant Minister, Health and Social Services (with designated responsibility for children's matters)

The Council was advised that the CPG had provisionally identified its responsibilities as follows -

- (a) to develop and deliver the Children's and Young People's Plan, including ongoing performance management and review.
- (b) to formally receive the final Annual Report and Plan for the Jersey Child Protection Committee prior to presentation to the Council and pending publication;
- (c) to formally receive Serious Case Reviews (SCRs) commissioned and undertaken by the Jersey Child Protection Committee (JCPC) and -
 - (i) to formally consider and adopt all relevant recommendations,
 - (ii) to work in partnership with the JCPC to oversee and monitor delivery of recommendations, and
 - (iii) to report SCR findings and recommendations to the Council;
- (d) to have oversight of the delivery of the Williamson Implementation

Plan, including formally approving the spend associated with that delivery;

- (e) to work pro-actively with other States Departments and external organisations to ensure the provision of cohesive, effective services for children and young people;
- (f) to provide strategic advice to the States and the Council on matters relating to children and young people and their families/carers;
- (g) to respond to propositions to the States and formal consultation processes in order to ensure that the impact upon children and young people is taken into account; and
- (h) to act as lead reference point for the developing commitment to ratify the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and to assess the implications for children and young people and relevant services in Jersey.

It was clarified that relevant Ministers would act jointly to discharge the responsibilities designated under the Children and Young People's Plan; however, each Minister would necessarily retain their own statutory obligations as set out in Law. Executive support for the CPG had been provided in the form of a dedicated Executive Officer, funded by the Health and Social Services Department.

The Council regarded the establishment of the CPG as a significant step forward in the delivery of high quality children's services in the Island. **On that basis it ratified the constitution of the Children's Policy Group and endorsed the terms of reference as outlined above.**