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JERSEY CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY ON CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY  
PANEL

(3rd Meeting)

8th March 2021 at 14.30 hours

**PART A (Non-Exempt)**

All members were present.

Professor L. Bentley, Chief Executive Officer, Royal Meteorological Society - Chair  
 F. Barnes, retired (formerly Oxera and FCA)  
 R. Harker, Head of Technology, Digital Jersey  
 R. Diski, Lead of Just Transition Projects, New Economics Foundation  
 J. Hopley, Chair, Jersey Energy Forum  
 T. Park, Principal Advisor, Energy, Environment and Sustainability, Behavioural Insights Team (for a time)

In attendance -

S. Skelton, Group Director, Strategy and Innovation, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance (for a time)  
 L. Magris, Head of Sustainability and Foresight, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance (for a time)  
 L. Jones, Senior Policy Officer, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance  
 M. Clark, Secretariat Officer, States Greffe  
 Connétable M. Jackson of St. Brelade, Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel (observer)  
 M. Magalhaes, Research and Project Officer, States Greffe (observer)  
 E. Robbins, Chair Convener (elect), Citizens' Assembly on Climate Change (observer)  
 D. Beddoes, Involve  
 P. Keane, New Citizenship Project

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A only.

Welcome and Introductions.	A1. The Panel welcomed Connétable M. Jackson of St. Brelade, Chair of the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny, Panel, to the meeting.
Minutes.	A2. The Minutes of the meeting of 22nd February 2021, having previously been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.
Conflicts of interest.	A3. No conflicts of interest were declared by Members in respect of the matters to be discussed during the meeting.
Actions from last meeting.	A4. The Chair asked that it be noted in the Minutes that the Citizens' Assembly would be asked to formally approve the appointment of Ms. E. Robbins as Chair Convener at its first meeting on 13th March 2021, a course of action which was also unanimously endorsed by the Panel.

Update on design, speakers and preparation for Block 1.

A5. The Panel was advised that the design and content of Block 1 was progressing well. A welcome pack had been sent to participants, which included a handbook explaining the overall process of the Citizens' Assembly and a total of 9 factsheets (which had been refined in accordance with the Panel's feedback) relating the matters to be considered in Block 1. It was recalled that the speaker presentations and factsheets would all be publicly accessible online from 18th March, following completion of Block 1.

The Panel agreed that speaker presentations (which had all been pre-recorded) should be reviewed in a similar manner to the approach adopted for reviewing the factsheets. All Panel Members would have access to all presentations but would only be asked to view and comment on those most relevant to their area of expertise. Collectively, all presentations would be viewed by the Panel, with Members being asked to review and provide feedback on 3 or 4 presentations. Should any significant errors be identified, these would be flagged to participants before the presentation was shown to the Assembly.

Panel discussion and advice on outline design, factsheets and proposed speakers for Block 2.

A6. The Panel recalled that Block 2 would focus on transport emissions, but would also provide the opportunity to introduce sustainable finance into Assembly discussions. Both were acknowledged to be broad, complex topics, and the Panel was mindful that the Lead Facilitators would need to ensure the Assembly remained focused on the subject at hand and some prioritisation would be necessary, in order to arrive at considered recommendations at the end of the process.

The Panel recognised that the Assembly had been mandated to consider the various means by which the Island could become carbon neutral, as well as the optimum timeframe. Members agreed that a full discussion around the 'how' would be needed in order to inform any decision on a possible timeline. The Citizens' Assembly was also required to consider the fairness of the transition and how the costs thereof might be met.

It was noted that the discussions in Block 2 were inextricably linked to the Sustainable Transport Policy, but the Panel acknowledged that the Assembly would have insufficient time to consider multiple detailed policy variables relating to, for example, car ownership and use. The longer the timeframe under consideration, the more alternative energy sources might be available, such as hydrogen-powered vehicles. The Panel recommended that discussions should aim to strike a balance by acknowledging the existence of possible longer-term alternatives, but spend a greater amount of time considering those technologies which were known to be available for implementation within the next 10 years.

The Panel considered whether it would be helpful to agree a list of permitted topics in advance, but felt it would be inappropriate to restrict the Assembly's discussions in this way.

It was agreed that both offsetting and sustainable finance should be covered within Content Blocks 2 and 3. Framing of the latter would be key, given the importance of the finance industry to Jersey, and it was suggested that the speaker from the Government of Jersey could be asked to address this point in their opening remarks during Block 1.

The Panel felt that carbon offsetting should be covered reasonably early, as this would influence participants' views on the pace of change and some offsetting would be essential, should the Citizens' Assembly recommend that Jersey should aim to become carbon neutral by 2030. It was envisaged that the Citizens' Assembly

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would arrive at a broad set of decisions by the Saturday of Block 3, which allowed sufficient time for consideration of the necessary financial trade-offs between carbon reduction strategies and the purchasing of carbon offsets. The Panel was advised that this would be covered in a set of scenarios, which would provide detailed costings.

It was accordingly agreed that it was appropriate to introduce offsetting in Block 1 and further develop the discussion in later sessions. Subsequent discussions should include the controversies surrounding offsets, the varying quality of those available, and the possible reputational risk of claiming carbon neutrality exclusively through the purchase of carbon offsets.

The Panel was advised that the Factsheets for Block 2 would be circulated to Members shortly, with responses required by 15th March. Following its earlier discussion, the Panel asked that a Sustainable Finance factsheet should be included.

The Panel noted that the ‘Transport: options for change’ speaker was a strategic transport planner, who would talk about sustainable solutions and the policy and fiscal levers which could be used to drive behavioural change. It was agreed that a broad overview of new and emerging technologies relevant to transport would also be of benefit, as would consideration of alternative means of travel.

Written  
submissions.

A7. The Panel was reminded that businesses and organisations had been invited to make written submissions to the Citizens’ Assembly directly. These would be made available to participants as submitted (unless they contained any offensive comment) however no time had been allocated to discuss the submissions.

All submissions would be available on the microsite and would be thematically grouped to assist participants in identifying their relevance.

The Panel was content with the proposed approach.

Media.

A8. The Panel was advised that initial media releases had highlighted the start of the Citizens’ Assembly on Climate Change and that further announcements would be made by the States Greffe Communications Team in due course. The Chair Convener (elect) would also be engaging with the media to highlight the work of the Assembly.

Actions.

A9. Members agreed the following actions arising from the Panel’s discussions in the meeting:

- (1) to review the stated outputs from the Citizens’ Assembly and consider whether any additional clarification of its Terms of Reference would be beneficial to participants; and
- (2) to review the presentations and factsheets as agreed.

Forthcoming  
meetings.

A10. The Panel agreed to meet on the following dates:

- 29th March: 14.30 – 16.00 hours, to agree Block 3 content; and
- 19th April, 14.30 – 16.00 hours, to agree Block 4 content.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 16.15 hours.