

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING 25 SEPTEMBER 2019

Board: Sir Nicholas Green, Chair
Professor Nicholas Hopkins, Commissioner for Property, Family and Trust Law
Stephen Lewis, Commissioner for Commercial and Common Law
Professor David Ormerod QC, Commissioner for Criminal Law
Nicholas Paines QC, Commissioner for Public and Welsh Law
Phil Golding, Chief Executive
Joshua Rozenberg QC, Non-Executive Board Member
Bronwen Maddox, Non-Executive Board Member

Attendees: Matthew Jolley
Gulzar Gill
Douglas Hall
Henni Ouahes
David Connolly

Apologies: Baroness Deech, Laura Burgoyne

Item 1: Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of 24 July 2019

1.1 The minutes were approved.

Item 2: Matters Arising

1.2 DO provided an update on the passage of the Bill that will implement the Sentencing Code.

Item 3: Brexit-themed Conference on 17 December

1.3 The Chair outlined plans for a proposed joint Brexit-themed conference with Cambridge University. The purpose of the conference would be to discuss the technical implications of Brexit in England and Wales. The conference would consider constitutional issues related to the legislative process and then look at a few specific issues or sectors in more detail. The Board agreed that attendance should be formed of academics, civil servants, commentators and others from NGOs or similar organisations.

Item 4: Board Terms of Reference (ToR)

1.4 PG provided an overview of draft ToR for the Board, which had been updated following feedback from the previous Board meeting. The Board were content subject to the following changes – a) the Head of Legal Service and Head of Corporate Services should be made formal Board members and b) the independent remit of the Commissioners should be reinforced.

Item 5: Band A Split Update

- 1.5 The CEO provided an update on the MoJ initiative to split the Band A grade into Grade 6 and Grade 7 roles. He confirmed that the process is ongoing but hoped to provide an update to staff shortly.

Item 6: Board Report and Forward Look

- 1.6 Commissioners updated the Board on their projects. DO provided an update on work being undertaken on the Protection of Official Data project. NH informed the Board of consultation events for the Surrogacy project and stakeholder meetings for the Weddings project. PG provided an overview of initial financial forecasting for the Law Commission for 2020-21.

Item 7: AOB

- 1.7 PG provided an update on planning and logistics for the Scarman Lecture.