MINUTES

BOARD MEETING 24 NOVEMBER 2021

Board: Sir Nicholas Green, Chair

Professor Nicholas Hopkins, Commissioner for Property, Family and Trust Law

Professor Sarah Green, Commissioner for Commercial and Common Law

Professor Penney Lewis, Commissioner for Criminal Law

Nicholas Paines QC, Commissioner for Public and Welsh Law

Phil Golding, Chief Executive

Matthew Jolley, Head of Legal Services

Joshua Rozenberg QC, Non-Executive Board Member

Baroness Deech, Non-Executive Board Member Bronwen Maddox, Non-Executive Board Member

Attendees: Douglas Hall, Parliamentary Counsel

David Connolly, Team Manager Laura Burgoyne, Team Manager Henni Ouahes, Team Manager

Charmaine Hunte, Executive Assistant to the Chairman Lucy Boughton, D&I Coordinator and Comms Assistant

Apologies:

Item 1: Meet the Board

1.1 An all-staff event was held, in which staff met the non-executive Board members and had an opportunity to ask questions.

Item 2: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes 29 September 2021

1.2 The minutes were approved.

Item 3: Matters Arising

1.3 None.

Item 4: 14th Programme update

1.4 The Board was informed that work on the 14th Programme continues. All projects have now been allocated to teams and the first sift commences in early January.

Item 5: Law Commission Framework Document

- 1.5 The Law Commission Framework Document has been updated, following feedback from a previous Board meeting. The document has been accepted by the MoJ.
- 1.6 Following a discussion with the Board, Phil will query two areas of the framework document with the Mo.J.

Item 6: Discussion paper on EU retained law

1.7 The Chair said that the Commission had prepared and submitted a short discussion paper, following a meeting with the Cabinet Office. The paper sets out a number of potential options for how the Law Commission might assist in reviewing areas of EU retained law.

Item 7: Meeting with international law commissions

1.8 The Law Commission met with international law commissions to discuss future bilateral and multilateral engagement – Australia, New Zealand, Scotland and Northern Ireland were all represented. Further discussions will be held and consideration given to more specific agenda where best practice can be shared.

Item 8: SMT Decisions

- 1.9 The Board noted SMT decisions made since the last Board meeting.
- 1.10 An update was provided on appraisals, and reward and recognition.
- 1.11 An update was provided on the responses to the D&I Survey and the relaunch of the Work Shadowing Scheme.

Item 9: Board Report and Forward Look

1.12 Commissioners highlighted issues relevant to their individual projects.

Item 10: AOB

1.1 No items were raised under AOB.