

## MINUTES

### BOARD MEETING 27 FEBRUARY 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  
Bronwen Maddox, Non-Executive Board Member

**Attendees:** Matthew Jolley  
David Connolly  
Douglas Hall  
Gulzar Gill  
Henni Ouahes  
Daniel Popescu (Item 8 only)

**Apologies:** Laura Burgoyne

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#### **Item 1: Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of 31 January 2019**

1.1 The minutes were approved subject to two minor amendments.

#### **Item 2: Matters Arising**

1.2 None.

#### **Item 3: Tailored Review**

1.3 GG said that the Tailored Review had been published on 7 February and was positive and supportive of the Law Commission's work. He outlined the recommendations and the Law Commission's proposed implementation plans. He added that work to implement a number of the recommendations was already underway. PG discussed the positive work that was happening within the Law Commission in relation to diversity and recruitment.

#### **Item 4: Update on Non-Executive Board Member (NEBM) Recruitment**

1.4 PG informed the Board that the sift for the NEBM role was complete and that the quality of the candidates was extremely high. Interviews had been scheduled for mid-March.

### **Item 5: Update on Recruitment of New Commissioners**

- 1.5 PG informed the Board that the draft candidate information pack would be ready to send to the Public Appointments Team (PAT) this week. DO highlighted that good candidates for the role might be based outside of London and so it is important to be clear about the level of flexible working arrangements that are available. Offers are expected to be made in July.

### **Item 6: Process for Reappointment of Commissioners**

- 1.6 PG informed the Board that the paper on the process for reappointment for Commissioners had been updated following input from NH. The Board were content with the process and agreed that PG should send the paper to PAT for review.

### **Item 7: Strategy Session – 13 March**

- 1.7 PG discussed the approach for the Law Commission's upcoming strategy session. The session would focus on developing the narrative around how the Law Commission's work benefits the Government and the public. A further session for later in May will be scheduled to discuss work on developing the economic benefits of the Law Commission.

### **Item 8: Publications Process**

- 1.8 DP updated the Board on a refresh of the publications process within the Law Commission. The new process ensures clarity of team requirements, where responsibilities lie and deadlines to deliver different stages of the process. DP will be doing a soft launch of the process with a project in March before a full rollout. The Board agreed that the new process was clearer and were content for it to be used.

### **Item 9: Places for Growth**

- 1.9 GG confirmed to the Board that the Law Commission sent its response to the Places for Growth programme to MoJ's ALB division on 13 March. The ALB division were in discussions with Cabinet Office in regard to next steps and would keep us informed.

### **Item 10: Board Report and Forward Look**

- 1.10 Commissioners updated the Board on their projects. SL said that good progress is being made on the Electronic Signatures project and the report is currently being drafted. On the Right to Manage project, the consultation period is now underway and the team are holding various roadshows.
- 1.11 DO informed the Board that the consultation analysis for the Search Warrants project is now complete. The report is expected to be ready for publication in June. The Hate Crime project would be formally launched in March. On the Confiscation project, roundtables with stakeholders have been scheduled.
- 1.12 NH discussed the proposed timetable for the Residential Leasehold project workstreams. The Board approved the timetable and the team will now discuss with the sponsoring department. NH also informed the Board that consultation events for Commonhold were underway.

- 1.13 NP said that stakeholder meetings for the Simplification of Immigration Rules project were underway, including an event with High Court, Supreme Court and Court of Appeal judges.
- 1.14 GG provided an update on the RA campaign and informed the Board that work on the Business Plan and Annual Report is due to begin shortly. PG provided an overview of the financial position coming up to year end.

**Item 11: AOB**

- 1.15 No items were raised under AOB.