

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING 24 FEBRUARY 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
Laura Burgoyne
Henni Ouahes
Manesh Mistry
Daniel Poescu
Charmiane Hunte
Jo Baker

Apologies:

Item 1: Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of 27 January 2021

1.1 The minutes were approved.

Item 2: Matters Arising

1.2 None.

Item 3: 14th Programme Update

- 1.3 The Board was informed that pre-consultation meetings continue to go well. There has been strong support for the Commission's preliminary project ideas and stakeholders have offered a range of valuable perspectives.
- 1.4 The Board was informed the Commission is in the process of putting together kite-flying information to launch with the public consultation. The aim of the information being to inform stakeholders and the public of the proposed overarching themes,

tentatively suggesting possible projects, whilst clearly highlighting that proposals should not be limited to these areas.

- 1.5 The Board recognised the significant effort all teams have put in to the 14th Programme so far.

Item 4: Research Assistant Campaign Update

- 1.6 The Board was given an update on the status of the current research assistant recruitment campaign. The Commission has received the highest number of applicants ever; a total of 943 candidates.

Item 5: Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator and Communications Assistant

- 1.7 The Commission feels it is vital to use its public-facing position to promote greater diversity within the law. The Board was informed that a huge amount of diversity and inclusion work is done voluntarily within the organisation, and that there are a number of formal programmes in the pipeline as well. In order to bring more cohesion to diversity and inclusion efforts across the Commission, it was proposed that a new Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator and Communications Assistant role is created.
- 1.8 The Board was in agreement that this position would be very beneficial and approved the proposition.

Item 6: SMT Decisions

- 1.9 The Board noted SMT decisions made since the last Board meeting.

Item 8: Board Report and Forward Look

- 1.10 Commissioners highlighted issues relevant to their individual projects. The Board also noted forthcoming peer review dates.

Item 9: AOB

- 1.11 No items were raised under AOB.