

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION (JAC) MEETING

7 April 2016

Minutes of Meeting

Present	
Commissioners	Staff
Christopher Stephens (Chairman) Ian Burnett (Vice-Chairman) Martin Forde Emily Jackson Usha Karu Noel Lloyd Alexandra Marks Katharine Rainsford Lucy Scott-Moncrieff Christopher Simmonds Valerie Strachan Alan Wilkie	Chief Executive Head of Operations Head of Policy and Change Head of Selection Exercise Teams Head of Senior and International Appointments Senior Communications Manager Private Secretary to the Chairman Board Secretary

1. Apologies, and matters arising

1.1 Apologies were received from Andrew Ridgway, Phillip Sycamore and Debra van Gene.

1.2 All Commissioners confirmed that they had no personal interest in any matters to be discussed on the agenda.

1.3 The minutes of the 10 March 2016 meeting were agreed and the Board Action Register noted.

2. Selection process for forthcoming Deputy District Judge (Magistrates' Court) exercise

2.1 The Head of Policy and Change presented a paper seeking the Commission's provisional approval of the proposed selection process for the Deputy District Judge (Magistrates Courts) exercise which is due to launch in early July.

2.2 After careful consideration, the Commission agreed to the proposed high level process for the Deputy District Judge (Magistrates Courts) exercise and further agreed that any issues arising following the meeting would be taken forward by Chris Simmonds on behalf of the Commission.

3. Good Character Guidance – Rehabilitation of Offenders

3.1 The Private Secretary to the Chairman presented a paper outlining the impact on its Good Character Guidance, of proposals submitted previously to the MOJ minister responsible for Rehabilitation of Offenders policy.

3.2 The Commission noted progress to date and indicated support for the approach that would be taken to the Good Character Guidance in the event of legislative change.

4. Any other business

4.1 The Chairman reported on his visit to Burma together with the Head of Senior and International Appointments which had been funded by the FCO. He reported that he engaged in a variety of meetings with Burmese senior officials and delegates including with Aung San Suu Kyi, Leader of the National League for Democracy. He reported on proposals that the JAC drafted to support Burma's judicial appointments system. The Commission agreed to continued support for the work in development.

4.2 The Vice-Chairman paid tribute to the Chairman, as it was the Chairman's last meeting as Chairman of the JAC.

4.3 The Vice-Chairman and Commissioners thanked the Chairman for his work as Chair and for the extraordinary public service that he had rendered during his 5 years in office. The Commission expressed their best wishes to him for the future.

4.4 The Chairman thanked Commissioners and staff for their support.

Date of next meeting

The Chairman confirmed that the next scheduled Board meeting would be held on **Thursday 12 May**.