

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION (JAC) MEETING

16 June 2022

Minutes of Board Meeting

Present	
Commissioners	Staff
Ajay Kakkar (Chairman) Sue Carr (Vice Chairman) Christa Christensen Anuja Dhir Jane Furniss Sue Hoyle Andrew Kennon Mathangi Asokan Sarah Lee	Chief Executive Deputy Chief Executive Head of Operations and Digital Head of Operational Delivery Head of Analysis and Insight Head of Diversity and Engagement Acting Head of Secretariat/Board Secretary Selection Exercise Manager Senior Communications Manager
Apologies Greg Sinfield Simon Wessely Emir Feisal Barry Morgan Brie Stevens-Hoare	

1. Apologies and matters arising

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Greg Sinfield, Simon Wessely, Emir Feisal, Barry Morgan and Brie Stevens-Hoare.
- 1.2 The Board welcomed David Allsop, the new Head of Operational Delivery.
- 1.3 The minutes of the 12 May 2022 meeting were agreed.

2. Chief Executive's Report and Management Information Pack

2.1 The Chief Executive:

- provided an update on business continuity measures taken in light of national train strikes on 21, 23 and 25 June;
- provided an update on Chair and Commissioner recruitment;
- provided an update on ongoing litigation;
- provided an update on the business plan and the 2021-22 and 2022-23 selection exercise programmes; and

- provided an update on the JAC's financial position and allocation for 2022-23.

3. Report back from Committees and Working Groups

3.1 The Chairman asked Commissioners to report back on recent meetings of committees and working groups.

Digital Board

3.2 Andrew Kennon (AK) provided an update to the Board on the work of the Digital Board (DB) which took place out of committee on 3 May 2022.

3.3 The DB considered and endorsed the revised Digital staffing update.

3.4 The DB received an update on Qualifying Tests undertaken in April.

3.5 The DB noted recent progress against the Digital Roadmap which includes:

- Service Offline – The ability to take our platform offline in the event of an issue and provide a level of projection.
- Revised General Medical Council questions to reflect eligibility requirements.
- Qualifying Tests and iterative improvements to language used on the candidate facing side.

4. Chairman's Report

4.1 The Chairman briefed the Board on his recent meeting with the President and Chair of the Chartered Institute for Legal Executives (CILEx).

4.2 The Chairman reported back on his chairing of the High Court selection panel throughout May and June.

4.3 The Chairman reported that he was due to chair the Judicial Diversity Forum (JDF) later this month.

5. Circuit Judge 2022 Selection Process

5.1 The Selection Exercise Manager presented a paper on the proposed selection process for the 2022 Circuit Judge selection exercise due to launch in July 2022.

5.2 The Board noted that the proposed three-week application window would fall within the school summer holiday. The Board agreed that, if possible, the exercise launch a week earlier and remain open for four weeks.

- 5.3 The Board agreed to the use of separate merit lists for each jurisdiction.
- 5.4 The Board noted that it was proposed that the posts would be available for salaried part-time working.
- 5.5 The Board noted the risk of not fulfilling the vacancy request for the Crime jurisdiction and the proposed mitigations.
- 5.6 The Board endorsed the proposed process.

6. Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22

- 6.1 The Senior Communications Manager provided an update on the status of the JAC Annual Report and Accounts 2021–22 and the steps towards its laying before Parliament in July 2022.
- 6.2 The Board noted the update for information.

7. Forward Look and AOB

- 7.1 The Board noted the 2022 Forward Look and the Chairman confirmed that the next Board meeting would be held on 14 July 2022 at Clive House.
- 7.2 That concluded the business of the Board.