

# JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION (JAC) MEETING

7 April 2022

## Minutes of Board Meeting

<b>Present</b>	
<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>Staff</b>
Ajay Kakkar (Chairman) Sue Carr (Vice Chairman) Christa Christensen Anuja Dhir Sarah Falk Emir Feisal Jane Furniss Sue Hoyle Andrew Kennon Barry Morgan Brie Stevens-Hoare	Chief Executive Deputy Chief Executive Head of Operations and Digital Head of Analysis and Insight Head of Digital Delivery and Programme Office Acting Head of Secretariat/Board Secretary Senior Policy Advisor Targeted Outreach and Research Project Manager Targeted Outreach and Research Project Manager
<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Mathangi Asokan Sarah Lee Simon Wessely Greg Sinfield	

### 1. Apologies and matters arising

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Mathangi Asokan, Sarah Lee, Simon Wessely and Greg Sinfield.
- 1.2 The minutes of the 10 March 2022 meeting were agreed.

### 2. Chief Executive's Report and Management Information Pack

#### 2.1 The Chief Executive:

- provided an update following the publication of the review of Statutory Consultation & the Commission's response;
- provided an update on the recruitment of a new JAC Chair;
- provided an update on the conclusion of the 2021-22 business plan and progress with the 2021-22 and 2022-23 judicial recruitment 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.

#### **Welsh Matters Committee**

- 3.2 Barry Morgan (BM) provided an update on the work of the Welsh Matters Committee (WMC), which had met earlier that morning.
- 3.3 The WMC had considered exercises with Welsh posts currently in progress and heard an update on progress from the action register.
- 3.4 The WMC had received updates on the Welsh Government's proposals in response to the Law Commissions Review of the Devolved Tribunals, which would require legislative change.
- 3.5 BM reported that he had met with the new Junior Presider in Wales, Mr Justice Griffiths, and the Welsh Language Liaison Judge.

#### **4. Chairman's Report**

- 4.1 The Chairman briefed the Board on his conversations with Judicial Diversity Forum (JDF) partners following the publication of the Statutory Consultation review.
- 4.2 Commissioners reported back on the outreach activity they undertook in March and early April.
- 4.3 The interview that Sue Carr gave to Radio 4's Law In Action aired on 22 March and had been received positively.
- 4.4 Christa Christensen had attended an International Women's Day event for the Hampshire Law Society.
- 4.5 Jane Furniss had attended an introduction to judicial appointments at the University of Wolverhampton.

#### **5. Progress Update on the Targeted Outreach Pilot Programme 2022**

- 5.1 The Targeted Outreach and Research Project Manager presented an update on the Targeted Outreach pilot for October 2021 to March 2022.
- 5.2 The Commission noted the update for information.
- 5.3 It was suggested that the three former Commissioners involved in the programme should be invited to speak to a future meeting of the Board.

## **6. Progress Update on Diverse panels policy**

- 6.1 The Targeted Outreach and Research Project Manager presented a progress update on the diverse panels policy one year on, including data for exercises concluding from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.
- 6.2 The Commission noted the update for information.

## **7. JAC Strategy 2020-23 and Business Plan 2022-23**

- 7.1 The Deputy Chief Executive presented the 2022-23 Business Plan in the context of the 2020-23 Strategy.
- 7.2 Following discussion, the Board endorsed the refreshed Business Plan for 2022-23 within the final year of the 2020-23 Strategy.

## **8. Forward Look and AOB**

- 8.1 The Board noted the 2022 Forward Look and the Chairman confirmed that the next Board meeting would be held on 12 May 2022 at Broadway House.
- 8.2 That concluded the business of the Board.