

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION (JAC) MEETING
12 October 2017
Minutes of Meeting

Present	
Commissioners	Staff
Ajay Kakkar (Chairman) Usha Karu Noel Lloyd Alexandra Marks Valerie Strachan Phillip Sycamore Martin Forde Fiona Monk Andrew Kennon Jane Furniss Mathangi Asokan Emir Feisal	Chief Executive Head of Strategy and Policy Head of Operations Head of Digital and IT Services Senior Communications Manager Head of Secretariat Head of Judicial Statistics Head of Senior and International Appointments JAC Cybersecurity Adviser (Ministry of Justice)

1. Apologies and matters arising

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Simon Wessely and Philippa Whipple.
- 1.2 The minutes of the 14 September meeting were agreed.

2. Chief Executive's Report and Management Information Pack

2.1 The Chief Executive:

- reported on JAC finances;
- reported on the progress of current exercises;
- reported on current staffing levels at the JAC;
- reported on the JAC's People Plan, and thanked the Senior Communications Manager for her work in developing the Plan in consultation with staff.

3. Report back from Committees and Working Groups

- 3.1 The Chairman asked Commissioners to report back on recent meetings.
- 3.2 Noel Lloyd reported back from the JARS Programme Board Meeting held on 27 September. He reported on progress on the load testing of JARS, which was due to be completed in November. He also reported that the development of system improvements

was under way, and that the status of the JAC's Service Level Agreement with Convivio for future JARS maintenance was under review.

4. Chairman's Report

4.1 The Chairman reported on his activities since his last report at the September meeting. He had attended various events to mark the opening of the legal year: the Bar Council and Law Society Dinner and the formal ceremony at Westminster Abbey, as well as the swearing in ceremonies for the new Lord Chief Justice and President and Justices of the Supreme Court.

4.2 The Chairman also reported on the forthcoming Ministry of Justice competition to recruit three new Commissioners.

4.3 Finally, the Chairman reported that he would chair Selection and Character Committee Meetings from January 2018.

5. Publication on Recommendation Numbers

5.1 The Head of Judicial Statistics presented a paper on release of the number of recommendations made for appointment in respect of each exercise.

5.2 Following discussion, the Board agreed that the number of recommendations from the High Court exercise could be published. They agreed to consider the broader issue of publishing recommendation numbers for other exercises at the November Board, as part of a paper covering all publication of JAC data.

6. Cybersecurity arrangements

6.1 The Head of Digital presented a paper outlining current and potential cybersecurity arrangements. The paper presented four potential approaches to information assurance for Commissioners to consider.

6.2 Following discussion, the Board endorsed the recommendation to make small adjustments to the JAC's current risk-based approach, inclusive of an annual review of the document set created by the JAC Security Risk Advisor; and to work with the JAC's contractors (CACI) to improve system monitoring of potential security issues. These adjustments would be developed and completed before the end of 2017.

7. AOB and Date of Next Meeting

7.1 This concluded the business of the Board.

7.2 The Chairman confirmed that the next Board meeting would be held on Thursday 9 November 2017.