

MINUTES OF THE 104th MEETING OF MIGRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
8th May 2018 10.00 to 12.45
Conference room 6
2 Marsham Street, London

Attending: Professor Jackline Wahba
Dr Jennifer Smith
Madeleine Sumption
Professor Jo Swaffield
Dr Brian Bell
Paul Regan
MAC Secretariat

Agenda item 1 - Welcome and introductions and minutes of previous meeting

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Agenda item 2 – MAC, Home Office and MAC secretariat updates

2. Jennifer Bradley gave the update on the behalf of the secretariat. She informed the MAC about ongoing engagement with other government departments. A survey for the international students commission had been sent out to all UK students. Concern was raised by MAC members that they had not seen the final version of the survey.
3. Professor Manning said he had attended meetings with Jeremy Heywood and with Dominic Raab. He also gave evidence to the Home Affairs Select Committee.
4. Paul Regan, on behalf of the Home Office, updated the MAC on the appointment of a new Home Secretary and other developments within the department.

Agenda item 3 - Draft notes on impacts of migration

5. This agenda item focused on discussing the draft notes that will inform each chapter in the final report on EEA workers. The notes were sent to the Committee in advance for comment.
6. Peter Gambrell led a discussion about the draft note on the impact of migration on labour markets, and updated the MAC on work with HMRC data. The MAC requested early stages of HMRC analysis to be presented at the next meeting.
7. Stephen Earl led a discussion of the draft note on the impact of migration on recruitment and training. This section will be largely informed by the external research being carried out by Mountford and Wadsworth. The MAC recommended that this material be merged with other relevant sections of the final report.

8. Peter Gambrill presented the draft note on the impact of migration on productivity and innovation. This will have a similar layout to the labour market section. The chapter will also be informed by external work by Julian Costas, Aubergine Analysis and Jennifer Smith.
9. Zoe Forbes presented the draft note on the impact of migration on public funding. This chapter is still in the scoping phase and requires input from other government departments. The MAC requested an expansion of work in this area and recommended sources for further investigation.
10. Jacob Kenny and Sam O'Sullivan led a discussion of the draft note on public services, education and health. The secretariat is in touch with other departments to further inform this work. The MAC requested more analysis and recommended that education only focus on primary and secondary schools to avoid overlap with the commission on international students.
11. Anita Singh and Zoe Forbes presented the draft note on the impact of migration on communities. Dr Brian Bell is giving steers on the crime aspect of this chapter and other departments are assisting with data analysis. This chapter will also be informed by external research from Corrado Giulietti. The MAC gave steers and further comments on the development of this work.

Agenda item 4 - Industrial Strategy

12. Tracy Liennard led a discussion about how to link the industrial strategy to the future migration system, informed by the secretariat's meeting with BEIS. The MAC asked that analysis and commentary on the industrial strategy be linked to relevant other themes throughout the final report.

Agenda item 5 - Policy recommendations

13. The MAC discussed potential policy recommendations for the report.

Agenda item 6 – Productivity work

14. Dr Jennifer Smith presented her analysis of the impact of migration on productivity. This is ongoing work and ways of carrying this forward were identified.

Agenda item 7 – Any other business

15. There was no other business.