

**MINUTES OF THE 105<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF MIGRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 10.00 to 13.00**  
**Conference room 8**  
**2 Marsham Street, London**

**Attending:** Professor Jackline Wahba  
Madeleine Sumption  
Professor Jo Swaffield  
Dr Brian Bell  
Dr Jennifer Smith (via telephone)  
Paul Regan  
MAC Secretariat

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

1. There were no apologies and Dr Jennifer Smith was participating in the meeting via telephone. The Chair said that Jacob Kenny would be leaving the MAC Secretariat to take up a role in another department and thanked him on behalf of the MAC for his work. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed with a minor change.

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

2. Paul Regan updated the Committee on Home Office business including the ongoing work on Windrush. Other areas the Home Office was focusing on were the Tier 2 cap, Tier 1 (General applications) and the most recently published Home Office immigration statistics. Planning work on Brexit and the future immigration system was on going.
3. Jennifer Bradley outlined the work that was to be presented on EEA workers and students at the MAC meeting. There were no updates from the Chair and MAC members.

**Agenda item 3 - discussion of student's survey**

4. The student survey was reflected upon, including the process, methodology and content. MAC members expressed concern that they had not seen the final wording of the survey before it went out. A lesson's learnt document has been created to inform future work.

**Agenda item 4 - International students final draft report**

5. Harriet Cameron introduced a draft of the MAC report on international students. She explained that this was presently in note form and she talked MAC members through the paper. There was discussion around the data sources as well as queries over how to draw out and present the analysis. The MAC discussed the draft paper including; which areas to focus the report on, key visa changes and the differences between EU and non-EU students and ESRC funding. Comments and suggestions were received and will shape the next iteration of the report.

### **Agenda item 5 – EEA migrants final report draft**

6. Draft chapters for the final report were presented by the MAC secretariat in turn. The MAC was then invited to comment and feedback on the work produced to shape its development. The chapters cover impacts on:
  - i. The Labour Market;
  - ii. Productivity, innovation and training;
  - iii. Prices;
  - iv. Public finances;
  - v. Funding;
  - vi. Health;
  - vii. Education;
  - viii. Social Housing;
  - ix. Community.

### **Agenda item 6 – Policy recommendations**

7. Tracy Liennard introduced a paper on potential policy recommendations in the MAC report. The paper identified a range of topics that still required discussion for the MAC to be able to provide policy recommendations. There was discussion over regional variations and agreement was reached on which topics would require further discussion and MAC agreement to be able to provide policy recommendations in the final report.

### **Agenda item 7 – Any other business**

8. There was no other business.