

## Judicial Pensions Board

### Key issues discussed at the tele-conference meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020

#### Board Membership

The Board welcomed new member Henry Young replacing Caroline Patterson following his appointment as Deputy Director, MoJ Financial Reporting, Transactions & Governance.

#### Administration

The Board were updated by the Judicial Pay & Pensions (JP&P) team on upcoming consultations relating to the McCloud and O'Brien litigations. The Board were briefed on the latest meetings held between Ministry of Justice (MoJ) and Xfinity Punter Southall (XPS) to discuss contract management and performance, primarily focusing on XPS's resources and the current backlog.

The Board reviewed XPS's performance against the Service Level Agreement (SLA) and considered the impact of COVID-19 and the newly adapted measures by XPS to reduce the backlog and continue business as usual. Higher than normal volumes of queries received by XPS during Quarter 1 2020/21 were outlined to the Board. The Board were also informed work on 2019/20 benefit statements for Judicial Pension Scheme 2015 members remained on track for delivery by 31 July 2020.

#### Fee Paid Judicial Pension Scheme (FPJPS) Data Queries

The Board noted the current number of FPJPS data queries outstanding and were informed of recruitment to the JP&P Data Team to increase the progress of investigations. The Board were also updated on the Judicial Fee & Expenses Payment System (JFEPS) and its continued roll-out within courts and tribunals. The Board heard of the joint work between Her Majesty's Court and Tribunal Service (HMCTS) and the JP&P team on pension reports from JFEPS.

#### Risk and Assurance

The Board considered the Risk Register and agreed at retaining the current operational risk levels considering the COVID-19 situation. The Board also provided an update on the fortnightly meetings with MoJ and XPS aimed at reviewing the COVID-19 situation.

#### Internal Dispute Resolution and Appeal Cases

The Board noted recommendations provided on two cases considered under the Second Stage of the Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure (IDRP).

Date of next meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020