

Judicial Pensions Board Administration Committee

Key issues discussed at the meeting held on 20th May 2020

Administration

The Committee reviewed Xafinity Punter Southall's (XPS) backlog plan and were updated on discussions between XPS and the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) on measures taken, including appropriate resourcing, to clear the backlog.

The Committee were also briefed on recruitment and training within the MoJ's Judicial Pay & Pension (JP&P) Team and progress on work following the O'Brien and McCloud litigations.

Judicial Additional Voluntary Contribution (JAVC) schemes

The JP&P Team outlined the general concept of and governance requirements for the JAVC schemes and the Committee proposed a dedicated training session for Board Members on the schemes.

COVID-19

The Committee reviewed XPS's COVID-19 update report and were informed of the challenges faced by XPS's administration staff in working from home and the adapted security measures implemented for safeguarding data. The Committee appreciated XPS's work and thanked the staff for maintaining business as usual during the unprecedented COVID-19 event. The Committee agreed revisions to the Board Risk Register to reflect the impact of COVID-19.

Judicial Pension Scheme - Data

The Committee reviewed conditional data reports for each of the Judicial Pension Schemes and noted the increased trend in data query figures.

The JP&P Team updated the Committee on outstanding Fee Paid Judicial Pension Scheme cases and the recruitment and training of new team member within the JP&P Data team.

Date of next meeting: 4th September 2020