

Judicial Pensions Board Administration Committee

Key issues discussed at the meeting held on 4th September 2020

Administration

The Committee reviewed Xfinity Punter Southall's (XPS) resourcing within the administration team including recent additions and were assured that without the backlog of cases the team would be adequately resourced for the incoming workloads. The Committee queried XPS's plans to clear the backlog by the end of November and requested a plan setting out how this would be achieved.

The Committee also expressed their concerns that delays had been experienced again in this year's Annual Benefit and Pension Savings Statements exercise and that this had not been brought to the Board or Committee's attention at an earlier stage. The Committee agreed more formal project governance should be established by MoJ for next year's exercise.

The Committee asked that a senior XPS representative attend the next Judicial Pensions Board meeting.

Complaints

XPS outlined to the Committee the outcome of a review of older complaint cases which had resulted in a number being closed.

MoJ consultations

The Committee noted an overview of the consultations that had been published.

Judicial Pension Scheme - Data

The JP&P Team updated the Committee on outstanding Fee Paid Judicial Pension Scheme cases and continuing work by HMCTS to roll-out the Judicial Fees and Expenses Payment System.

Risk and Assurance

The Committee considered and agreed revisions to the risk register to reflect progress in the MoJ litigations and significant concerns regarding administration.

Date of next meeting: 10th November 2020