

Judicial Pensions Board

Key issues discussed at the tele-conference meeting held on 11th September 2020

Administration

The Board were updated by the Judicial Pay & Pensions (JP&P) team on recruitment to supplement the work of the team, progress of the Judicial Claims Team in relation to the O'Brien and Miller claims and the planned implementation of the McCloud remedy. The Board received a report on the late issue of Annual Benefit (ABS) and Pension Savings Statements (PSS) and considered recommendations to improve the process for next year's exercise.

The Board were briefed on contract meetings with XPS covering their Service Level Agreement performance and plans to reduce the current backlog. The Board raised concerns with XPS on their SLA performance as well as their disappointment that the regulation deadline for delivery of ABS/PSSs had been breached for a second year, despite the efforts of XPS's administration team. The Board questioned XPS's resourcing of the contract and improvement plans for the backlog, emphasising greater assurance was needed from both the MoJ and XPS on the contract management.

Fee Paid Judicial Pension Scheme (FPJPS) Data Queries

The Board noted an update on the Judicial Fee & Expenses Payment System (JFEPS) implementation within courts and tribunals. The Board were informed of recruitment to increase the JP&P FPJPS Data Claims Team to deal with the increasing caseload and address data requirements for the McCloud remedy as well as the introduction of a new reformed scheme proposed for April 2022.

Risk and Assurance

The Board considered the Risk Register and agreed the proposed changes.

Internal Dispute Resolution and Appeal Cases

The Board noted there had been no cases considered in the period.

Date of next meeting: 4th December 2020