

Judicial Pensions Board Administration Committee

Key issues discussed at the meeting held on Tuesday 2 February 2020

Administration

The Committee was updated by the Ministry of Justice's Deputy Head for Judicial Pay and Pensions on ongoing recruitment and training within the MoJ Judicial Pay and Pensions Team. The Committee was introduced to the newly appointed Deputy Director for Judicial Pay and Pensions who would provide senior oversight of the administration of the judicial pension schemes.

The Committee sought assurance that added resource and additional managerial support brought in by XPS had seen a rise in the clearance of backlog. The Committee was informed that XPS had met its December milestone for clearance of backlog cases and in January had exceeded it. The Committee requested henceforth that XPS report monthly to Committee members on the progress of BAU work in addition to the full quarterly administration report XPS provided to the Judicial Pensions Board.

The Committee was informed that the multi-agency Pensions Working Group led by the MoJ continued to meet monthly. Its focus was currently upon quality-checking the data required for the timely issuing of this year's Pensions Savings Statements and Annual Benefits Statements and implementing enhanced data flow systems where interdependencies existed. The Committee requested weekly reporting from XPS on the data queries which remained from the 19/20 Pensions Savings Statements and Annual Benefits Statements Exercise.

Government Internal Agency Audit

The Committee noted that a further audit would be undertaken once all the recommended actions had been completed.

Judicial Pension Scheme - Data

The Head of Judicial Pay and Pensions informed the Committee that the focus of the FPJPS Data Analysis team was on processing pension settlement cases more quickly and updated the Committee on the ongoing recruitment and training of new team members.

XPS Contractual Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and Service Level Agreements (SLAs)

The Committee was informed that XPS's contractual KPIs and SLAs were under review. The review would take place over the coming months with MoJ aiming to have completed it by the end of April 2021.

McCloud Consultation

The Committee was informed that the government response to the McCloud consultation was due to be published by the end of February 2021.

Date of next meeting: 5th May 2021