

Judicial Pensions Board

Key issues discussed at the meeting held on 4th June 2021

Administration

The Board welcomed Simon Masterson and Mark Goodfellow as new Members, replacing Jason Latham and Peter Luney.

The Board received a briefing from the Ministry of Justice's (MoJ) Deputy Director for Judicial Pensions who covered work underway to finalise a Stability Plan with Xafinity Punter Southall (XPS); the MoJ's management response to an audit by the Government Internal Audit Agency on the effectiveness of governance and oversight arrangements for the XPS contract; and progress on the reform scheme programme. The Board raised concerns about resourcing within the Pensions Operations Team to meet the demands of various workstreams.

The Managing Director of XPS Administration attended the meeting and provided the Board with a presentation on XPS's 2020/21 Annual Review. Discussion was undertaken on XPS's preparations for the reformed scheme and McCloud options exercise. The Board also received a briefing on XPS's quarterly performance, Stability Plan and progress on the 2020/21 Pension Saving and Annual Benefit Statements exercise.

Fee Paid Judicial Pension Scheme (FPJPS) Data Queries

The Head of Judicial Pay and Pensions updated the Board on recently completed recruitment to the Fee Paid Judicial Pension Scheme (FPJPS) Data & Claims Team and ongoing training. The Board were briefed on plans for wider data reconciliation and development of a Data Strategy, including a corresponding data improvement plan.

Complaints

The Board discussed the effectiveness of complaint handling at Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the Internal Disputes Resolution Procedure. The Board was informed the next meeting of the Disputes Resolution Committee would be held on 19th June to consider four Stage 2 cases.

Date of next meeting: 1st October 2021