

Minutes

Meeting: CPS Ministerial Strategic Board

Date: 6 July 2021 15:30-17:00

Board Members

Attorney General (AG) - Chair

Solicitor General (SG)

Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP)

CPS Chief Executive Officer, Rebecca Lawrence (RL)

Director-General AGO, Shehzad Charania

Secretary

Director AGO, Kelby Harmes

By invitation

HMCPSP Chief Inspector, Andrew Cayley

CPS Lead NEBM, Monica Burch (MB)

Item 1 - Introductions

1. The Chair welcomed attendees to this virtual meeting of the MSB.
2. The Chair thanked the DPP and his colleagues at the CPS for their continued hard work and dedication shown throughout the pandemic, in particular the work to tackle the case backlog.

Item 2 - 2020-21 CPS Annual Report and Accounts

3. The Board welcomed the presentation of the 2020-21 CPS Annual Report and Accounts.
4. Steve Buckingham provided an overview of the Report and confirmed that the CPS were on track to lay their accounts before parliament on the 8 July. The Board noted the remarkable achievements of the whole system throughout the pandemic in continuing to deliver justice during this difficult period.
5. The Board formally endorsed the Report.

Item 3 - Q4 Performance Pack

6. The Chair thanked the DPP and the Chief Executive for the detail provided in the Q4 performance pack. He was grateful for the addition of 'levels of ambition' to the pack, it was useful guidance for these discussions.

Item 4 - Spending Review

7. The Board discussed the strategy for the upcoming spending review, it was anticipated that this review would set funding levels up to 2025. The bid would focus on key objectives from the 2025 strategy and the Government's objectives for the CJS.

Item 5 - Any Other Business

8. None raised.

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