

## **Judicial Pensions Board Administration Committee**

### **Key issues discussed at the meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**

The committee was updated on ongoing recruitment processes particularly on priority work streams such as the projects such as the McCloud cases and also to cover business as usual work.

Members of the committee were briefed on the options paper presented to the Pensions Operations Board and the key issues of McCloud and O'Brien/Miller litigation work. The treatment of in-scope McCloud cases has been put to the Pensions Regulator who have confirmed that legacy scheme information is required and therefore considerations around signposting information within the McCloud information statements is currently being discussed. Awaiting the Pensions Regulators statement on the final McCloud enforcement stance which is yet to be confirmed.

The split earnings cases under the same pay ID were discussed.

A further Fee-Paid Judicial Added Years option was discussed.

Further information on Judicial Pension Scheme 2022 Post Implementation will be shared at the March Judicial Pension Board.

An update was provided on the Judicial Payroll Project.

An update on the status of the Government Internal Audit Agency recommendations was presented to the Committee.

XPS, the scheme administrator, provided the Committee with details of its performance and of its current projects and activities including work connected to the on-going National Audit Office annual audit. Plans for the Annual Benefits Statement were discussed. Details of the digital communications plan were provided. The XPS Improvement Plan will be presented at the March Judicial Pension Board ensuring alignment with the Ministry of Justice's plan and timescales. XPS were asked to provide further details to the Board of their plans for further automation of calculations and their communications strategy for members, in particular on member feedback.

Members of the Judicial Pensions Board Administration Committee were asked to consider the future format of the Judicial Pensions Board Administration Committee welcoming views on topics for focussed discussion and training.

Committee Members were also invited to provide comments on the Pension Regulator survey.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023.