Judicial Pensions Board

Key issues discussed at the meeting held on Thursday 15th June 2023

The Chair welcomed a new employer representative to the board.

Members were updated on the current status of MoJ resourcing which has improved significantly since the last Judicial Pension Board. Budgetary and headcount positions have now been agreed for 2023/2024 by MoJ's Chief Operating Officer which has allowed for contracts to be extended and for vacant posts to go out for permanent recruitment.

Board members were briefed on current work in finalising the delivery plan to launch the McCloud Options Exercise.

Members were updated on the findings of the GIAA (Government Internal Audit Agency) audit. The MoJ team are currently working through the recommendations received and are on target to be finalised by the end of September 2023.

An update was given on a recent cyber security audit of XPS's administration service ensuring data protection and cyber security requirements were in place. Overall assessments from the audit were positive.

Board members were presented with a business plan to enable a future focus for both the board and the administration committee; the plan was agreed by board members.

Board members discussed future training sessions taking place outside of board meetings.

The managing director of the pensions administrator; XPS gave an update to board members including an update on performance throughout quarter 2 of 2023. XPS updated board members on resourcing issues they have been experiencing which has lead to delays and proposed options to decrease the recent backlog.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 20th September 2023