

Judicial Pensions Board

Key issues discussed at the meeting held on Wednesday 20th September 2023

The Chair welcomed Board Members and confirmed the meeting was quorate.

Members were updated on the current status of MoJ resourcing. Following agreement of budgetary and headcount positions for 2023/2024 by MoJ's Chief Operating Officer permanent recruitment is in progress and the new Head of the Data and Claims Team as well as the new Head of Technical Team was announced to the Board. The Senior Management Team continues to review future business priorities and resourcing needs.

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 have worked through the recommendations received which have been finalised.

Board Members were briefed on the Annual Benefit Statement Project which has now been delivered. A review will be taken of the 2023 ABS Exercise to see if any lessons can be learnt to assist in the planning of the 2024 ABS Project.

Board Members were presented with a Risk Management Strategy outlining an agreed governance structure, supporting framework and methodology to enable effective management of Risks, Assumptions, Issues and Dependencies.

An update was given from the MoJ Cyber Security Team giving Board Members information on an internal cyber security exercise which has been planned for later in the year.

Board Members discussed future training sessions taking place throughout upcoming Board meetings and proposed topics such as Diversity and Inclusion.

The Board were updated on complaints considered by the Judicial Pension Board Dispute Resolution Committee during Q2.

The Managing Director of the pensions administrator; XPS gave an update to Board Members covering performance throughout Quarter 2 of 2023. XPS briefed Board Members on work undertaken to decrease a backlog of cases incurred over Q1. XPS had experienced resourcing issues earlier within the year which had led to delays.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 12th December 2023