

Appointments Commission

Minutes of the Meeting of the Appointments Commission (AC)

20 November 2019

First Floor Committee Room, Murray House, Mount Havelock, Douglas

Present:

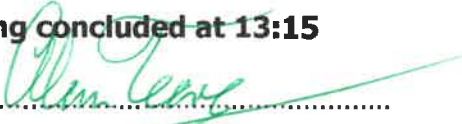

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| Mr Alan Teare (Chair) | (AT) |
| Mrs Helen Booth | (HB) |
| Mr Anthony Charnley | (AC) |
| Dr Jacqueline Yates | (JY) |
| Mr Simon Jones | (SJ) |

Secretary: Mrs Kate Hooson-Owen (KHO)

The meeting commenced at 09:30

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| 186/19 | <p>1. Minutes:</p> <p>The minutes of the meetings held on 16 October 2019, which had been circulated prior to this meeting, were agreed, signed and approved for placing on the website.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: Secretary to place minutes on website</i></p> | <i>KHO</i> |
| 187/19 | <p>2. Proposed Tribunal structure and resourcing:</p> <p>10:00 The Minister for Policy and Reform and a member from the Cabinet Office attended the meeting.</p> <p>The Tribunals Review Working Group will work with the Commission in its planned consultation document which will be issued to stakeholders. DK agreed to send the key summary documents which the Working Group has reviewed to the Commission ahead of its next meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: Summary documents to be sent to Commission</i></p> <p>The Commission reiterated its concerns regarding the lack of progress in moving towards a pool of Chairs and Members which in turn would be more efficient and would have a cost saving benefit. The Minister and DK undertook to consider what changes in legislation would be required to achieve the action and any implications it would have on the review as a whole.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: Legislation changes and review implications to be considered</i></p> | <i>DK</i> <i>CT/ DK</i> |
| 188/19 | <p>3. Order for removal of Tribunal Members:</p> <p>11:00 Chief Legislative Drafter from Attorney General's Chambers attended the meeting.</p> <p>A discussion was held regarding the duty to make an order for the removal of Tribunal Members from office. It was agreed that the Chief Legislative Drafter would draft an Order which would be sent to the Commission for comment. The Order, subject to Tynwald approval, would then supersede the Commission's Complaints procedure.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: Order to be drafted</i></p> | <i>HC</i> |

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| | <p>The Chief Legislative Drafter agreed to send the Commission statistics on which Tribunals appeals arise from and why they are being heard before a Deemster.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: <i>Statistical summary to be sent to the Commission</i></p> <p>The Chief Legislative Drafter agreed to discuss with the Minister for Policy and Reform the legislative changes required for creation of a pool of Chairs and Members.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: <i>To discuss legislative amendments</i></p> | <p>HC</p> <p>HC</p> |
| <p>189/19</p> | <p>4. Recruitment:</p> <p>a) Recruitment – Shortlisting took place in respect of the following vacancies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Aid Committee – 3 Members • Social Services Independent Review Body – 1 Chair and 4 Members <p>b) Expressions of Interest Gambling Appeals Tribunal – No applications were received following an expression of interest exercise. The Commission agreed to write to the Tribunals Unit and advertise again at its next round of recruitment.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: <i>Inform Tribunals Unit</i></p> <p>c) Social Security Appeal Tribunal Medically Qualified Members – The Commission considered the correspondence it received from the Tribunals Unit regarding medically qualified members. The Commission undertook to write to the Isle of Man Medical Society to raise awareness of opportunities for doctors to become members.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: <i>Write to the Isle of Man Medical Society</i></p> <p>d) Warrants were signed for the following appointments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VAT and Duties Tribunal Mr Umar Azmeh, Mrs Emily Johnson, Ms Angela Main Thompson and Mr Lawrence Vaughan-Williams - Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme Mr Peter Scott - Health Services Consultative Committee Mr Andrew Cole <p>e) Online application form – It was noted that the previous amendments had been made to the form and the Commission agreed to make the application form live on its website.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: <i>Contact GTS to make the link live</i></p> <p>f) Recruitment schedule – The recruitment schedule for 2019 is complete and the document has been superseded by the recruitment schedule for 2020/21.</p> | <p>KHO</p> <p>AC</p> <p>KHO</p> |
| <p>190/19</p> | <p>5. Consideration of Index of Tribunals:</p> <p>The Commission noted the Index of Tribunals and noted the recruitment schedule for 2020/21.</p> <p>The Commission determined to write to the Cabinet Office to inform them of the Commission’s suggested approach to recruitment during 2020/21. The Commission agreed it would review its Recruitment Procedure in January to reflect the proposed changes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: <i>Letter to be drafted</i></p> | <p>KHO</p> |

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| 191/19 | <p>6. Complaint 01/19</p> <p>The Commission noted that no further correspondence had been received and determined to remove the item from the agenda.</p> | |
| 192/19 | <p>7. Complaint 02/19</p> <p>The Commission considered a complaint it had received. It determined to respond to the complainant.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: Letter to be drafted</i></p> | KHO |
| 193/19 | <p>8. Timetable for re-advertised position on the Appointments Commission</p> <p>The Commission noted the revised timetable for recruitment.</p> | |
| 194/19 | <p>9. Charities Registration and Regulation Act 2019</p> <p>The Commission considered the correspondence it had received and determined to respond to the Tribunals Unit to state that no further action would be taken until the outcome of the Tribunals Review was known.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: Response to be drafted</i></p> | KHO |
| 195/19 | <p>10. Any other business</p> <p>AC proposed a change of meeting date. The Commission agreed to meet on the last Tuesday of every month.</p> <p>The meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks to the retiring Chair Helen Booth following her 4 year tenure.</p> | |
| 196/19 | <p>11. Agree and sign off action points</p> | |
| <p>The meeting concluded at 13:15</p> <p>Chair.....  Date..... </p> | | |
| | <p>Sessions claimed</p> <p>Five members attended Five sessions claimed</p> | |

