

Minute of 7th Meeting of Expert Payment Panel

8th January 2020

Legal Services Agency (LSA)

In Attendance

Neil Rennick	Chair
Colin Lancaster	Scottish Legal Aid Board
Professor Frank Stephen	University of Manchester
Raymond McMenamin	Scottish Legal Aid Board
Mark Thorley	Law society of Scotland
Ian Moir	Law Society of Scotland
Paul Brown	Scottish Association of Law Centres
Professor Mike Danson	University of Strathclyde

Apologies

Ross Yuill	Society of Solicitor Advocates
Professor Graeme Roy	University of Strathclyde
Ronald Renucci QC	Faculty of Advocates
Gillian Fyfe	Citizens Advice Scotland
Ruth Innes QC	Faculty of Advocates
Steven Ing	Justice Analytical Services

Scottish Government Officials

Denise Swanson	Head of Access to Justice Unit
Kieran Burke	Bill Team Leader, Access to Justice
Peter Conlong	Economic Advisor, Justice Analytical services
Shona Urquhart	Legal Aid Reform Manager, Access to Justice
Rebecca Smith	Legal Services Officer, Access to Justice

Welcome

Neil Rennick opened the meeting and welcomed members to the panel.

Agenda Item 1: Scottish Government Paper - paper reflected on the presentations to and discussions by the panel to date, and brought these together with reference to the remit and objectives of the Panel. It set out potential findings and recommendations that the group may include in its report to Ministers.

The final meeting will be held in March. This would allow the panel a sufficient period of time to pull together work for comments/revision for discussion at this meeting.

Paper Discussion:

The purpose of the paper was to reflect on ground covered in the meetings so far and how the outcomes might be captured in making recommendations to the Minister.

Structure of the Paper:

Section 1 - Presents the essential context for considering the work and recommendations of the Group.

Section 2 - Discusses the key discussion areas and conclusions of the group, organising via the Terms of Reference of the Group.

Section 3 - Provides points for discussion.

Section 4 – Provides a proposal for next steps.

Priorities for the next meeting

The Panel will further discuss challenges in the market, particular areas of priority, and further develop recommendations to be submitted to the Minister.

Next meeting – Friday 20th March