

## **Minute of sixth Meeting of Expert Payment Panel**

**12<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**SLAB, Thistle House, Edinburgh**

### **In Attendance**

Neil Rennick	Chair
Colin Lancaster	Scottish Legal Aid Board
Professor Frank Stephen	University of Manchester
Ronald Renucci QC	Faculty of Advocates
Raymond McMenamin	Scottish Legal Aid Board
Gillian Fyfe	Citizens Advice Scotland
Mark Thorley	Law society of Scotland
Ian Moir	Law Society of Scotland
Ruth Innes QC	Faculty of Advocates
Paul Brown	Scottish Association of Law Centres
Matt Taylor	Scottish Legal Aid Board

### **Apologies**

Ross Yuill	Society of Solicitor Advocates
Professor Mike Danson	University of Strathclyde
Professor Graeme Roy	University of Strathclyde

### **Scottish Government Officials**

Denise Swanson	Head of Access to Justice Unit
Kieran Burke	Bill Team Leader, Access to Justice
Steven Ing	Economic Advisor, Justice Analytical services
Rebecca Smith	Legal Services Officer, Access to Justice

### **Welcome**

The Chair opened and welcomed members to the sixth meeting.

### **Remit and Expected Outcomes**

The purpose of the meeting was to recognise what the panel had considered to date and identify the further steps that need to be undertaken as we move forward. For the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Chair asked for reflections from those members with an economics background, to capture their insight around the presentations and discussions that have taken place so far.

### **Agenda Item 1: Reflections from Economist Panel Members**

Professor Frank Stephen presented an engaging presentation, primarily around the legal aid payment models, and his reflections so far sparking valuable discussions within the panel. The presentation focussed on Mr Stephens' research, from his own perspective which comes from a focus of a nature of law firms. There was also a brief paper tabled on behalf of Professor Mike Danson.

**Agenda Item 2: SLAB: Segmentation Data/Summary**

Matt Taylor provided the panel with descriptive paper on segmentation data.

**Agenda Item 3: SLAB's Contracting Paper**

Prior to the last meeting, SLAB circulated a paper on Contracting. It was agreed that the panel revisit the paper at this meeting, having had more time to consider its contents.

**Next meeting** –Wednesday 8 January 2020, Legal Services Agency.