

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS BOARD FOR SCOTLAND

BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14th MARCH 2011 IN THE TRAINING ROOM, 44 DRUMSHEUGH GARDENS

Present: Sir Muir Russell, Chairing Member
Ms Elspeth MacArthur
Mr Sandy Mowat
Professor Andrew Coyle
Dr Michael Ewart
Lady Smith
Sheriff Principal James Taylor
Mr Iain Armstrong QC
Mr Martin McAllister

In attendance: Mr Trevor Lodge, Chief Executive
Mr Chris Orman, Secretary to the Board
Mrs Dorothy Smith, Policy Officer
Miss Kerry Love, Appointments Manager and Board
Secretary

1. Welcome and apologies

1.1 The Chairing Member welcomed the Board Members to the meeting. In particular Miss Kerry Love was welcomed to her first meeting as Appointments Manager and Board Secretary in succession to Mr Chris Orman who would be leaving on 31 March.

1.2 Apologies were received from Sheriff Kenneth Ross.

2. Judge of the Court of Session Appointment Round: Judicial and Legal Members' consideration of the Legal Competence of Applicants

2.1 Lady Smith chaired the discussion, which was observed by the lay members. The judicial and legal members carried out their duties in terms of Section 13 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008. They assessed the applicants on the basis of their application forms, the written work provided

and the referee assessments, in accordance with the Board's marking scheme, as input to the overall Board sift assessment.

3. Minutes of the Meetings held on 14th February and 7th March

3.1 The minutes of the meetings held on 14th February and 7th March were approved.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

4.1 There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. Away Day 2011

5.1 The Board Members received their folders for the Awayday to be held on Sunday 20th and Monday 21st March. The programme was noted.

6. 2011 Part-time Sheriff Appointment Round – Diversity Statistics (JAB/2011/18)

6.1 The Board noted that the paper provided useful information for the sift meeting on Friday 18th March and for discussion at the forthcoming Awayday.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 No items were raised.

8. Judge of the Court of Session Appointment Round: Sift of Applications

8.1 The full Board considered the five applications received. Taking account of the assessment by the judicial and legal members under section 13 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008, the leadership and management criteria and the personal and judicial qualities expected of applicants for the office of Judge of the Court of Session, it was agreed that three applicants should be invited for interview.

Action Point: Appointments Manager to take forward the arrangements for informing applicants of the result of their applications.

The meeting closed at 1300 hours