

Migration Policy Development Board



Migration Policy Development Board (the 'Board' or the 'MPDB') Meeting 17
Thursday 19th December 2019, 14.00 – 17:00

Board:

Assistant Chief Minister, Connétable Christopher Taylor (CT) (Chair)
Minister for the Environment, Deputy John Young (JY)
Minister for Social Security, Deputy Judy Martin (JM)
Senator Sarah Ferguson (SF)
Deputy Rowland Huelin (RH)
Dr Michael Oliver (MO)

Apologies

Murray Norton – Jersey Chamber of Commerce (MN)
John Shenton – Representative for the Institute of Directors (JS)

Executive Support:

Sue Duhamel – Policy Director (SD)
Neil Stocks – Senior Policy Officer (NS)
Jade Le Quesne – Administrative Support (JLQ)
Matthew Berry – Senior Legal Adviser – LOD (MB)

1. Welcome and apologies

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were noted from MN and JS.

2. Minutes of last meeting for approval

2.1 The minutes of meeting 16 were approved.

3. Update on recent events

3.1 NS noted the results of the recent UK general election. It is expected that the new government's plans for changes to the UK immigration system will be announced in around 6 weeks' time. This may also include an "NHS Visa" permission.

3.2 The Board discussed a recent tweet from Kevin Keen in respect of the growth in job numbers between June 2001 and June 2018. The Board noted comments from Statistics Jersey on the interpretation of these numbers.

3.3 SD advised the Board that the COM meeting held on 13th December discussed the interaction of various government workstreams – including skills, migration, housing and the Island Plan.

4. Discussion of the Board's recommendations for its final report

4.1 The Board continued the review of the principles set out in its consultation briefing and discussed these in the context of the evidence and feedback received during the consultation process.

4.2 The proposed layout of the final report was discussed. Each section was reviewed in detail. Several recommendations, options and changes were raised by members of the Board, these will be taken into account in preparation of the final report.

5. Upcoming Meetings

5.1 NS proposed the next suitable dates would be the 9th and 23rd January 2020. The Board's final report will be signed off at the meeting on the 23rd.

5.2 SD advised the Board that it would be possible to arrange sub-meetings with members and that the report content would be also be discussed over email.

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6.1 The Chair thanked all attendees and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Minutes agreed

Chairman:



Date:

24/01/20

Agreement for publication

Chairman:



Date:

24/01/20

Register of Actions from previous meetings

	No.	Action required	Allocated to	Required by	Date completed
Meeting 1 07/03/19	1	Invite 3 x lay members	NS	15/03/19	08/03/19
Meeting 1	2	Invite 1 x backbencher	NS	15/03/19	11/03/19
Meeting 2 21/03/19	3	Arrange for Andrew bannister to return for next meeting	NS	04/04/19	26/03/19
Meeting 2	4	Circulate FPP Report to the Board	NS	04/04/19	02/04/19
Meeting 3 04/04/19	5	Revise previous minutes	NS	18/04/19	12/04/19
Meeting 3	6	Circulate papers to the Board	MV	18/04/19	04/04/19
Meeting 4 18/04/19	7	Advice on the feasibility of statistical modelling of the net cost (per individual) of migration	Statistics Jersey/Economics Unit	13/05/19	11/07/19
Meeting 4	8	Circulate dependency ratio report	NS/MV	25/04/19	04/04/19
Meeting 4	9	Circulation of Birth and School attendance statistics	Statistics Jersey/NS/MV	13/05/19	21/05/19
Meeting 4	10	Circulation of average earnings report	NS/MV	25/04/19	07/05/19
Meeting 4	11	Resend EGRESS email to RH	NS	25/04/19	23/04/19
Meeting 4	12	Circulation of paper on migration / population in other jurisdictions	NS	13/05/19	07/05/19
Meeting 5	13	Circulate Guernsey Work Permit Category Paper.	NS	30/05/19	22/05/19
Meeting 6	14	Produce discussion paper from points raised in this meeting.	NS	13/06/19	10/06/19

Meeting 7	15	Officers to analyse the underlying data and provide feedback in the meeting's discussion paper.	NS	27/06/19	20/08/19
Meeting 7	16	Presentation to be circulated. Invite to consultation event to be sent to members.	NS/MV	27/06/19	26/06/19
Meeting 7	17	Discussion paper to be prepared.	NS	27/06/19	20/08/19
Meeting 7	18	Officers to provide stats relating to net nil migration.	NS	27/06/19	27/06/19
Meeting 8	19	NS to arrange circulation and publishing of the presentations on the Policy Board website.	NS	11/07/19	28/06/19
Meeting 9	20	Policy discussion paper to be prepared.	NS	19/09/19	
Meeting 10	21	Revised Skills paper to be circulated to the Board.	NS	19/09/19	17/09/19
Meeting 10	22	Pension Fund vs Migration Statistics to be supplied	NS/SD	19/09/19	18/09/19
Meeting 10	23	Officers to clarify situation in relation to HAWAG licences.	NS	19/09/19	17/09/19
Meeting 11	24	Circulate the slides from the COM presentation to all members for review.	NS/SD	03/10/19	09/10/19
Meeting 11	25	Circulate revised consultation document.	NS/SD	03/10/19	30/09/19
Meeting 11	26	Request LOD support for the Board.	SD	03/10/19	27/09/19
Meeting 11	27	Arrange COMMS support for the Board	NS	03/10/19	09/10/19

Meeting 11	28	Create timetable of meetings and invite stakeholders.	NS	03/10/19	30/10/19
Meeting 12	29	Consultation notes to be circulated to Jersey Finance and Caritas	MV/NS	14/10/19	12/11/19
Meeting 13	30	Publish interim paper and skills paper	NS	24/10/19	24/10/19
Meeting 13	31	Consultation notes to be circulated to Agriculture representatives	NS	01/11/19	12/11/19
Meeting 13	32	Consultation notes to be circulated to JEC	NS	01/11/19	12/11/19
Meeting 13	33	Research BLOG for public responses	NS	01/11/19	24/10/19 – web address set up for feedback.
Meeting 14	34	Consultation notes to be circulated to Citizen's Advice Bureau, Jersey Water and National Trust. (Children's Commissioner made submission after meeting confirming points made).	NS	06/12/19	29/11/19