

Migration Policy Development Board



Migration Policy Development Board (the 'Board' or the 'MPDB') Meeting 18
Friday 24th January 2020, 12.00 – 14:30

Board:

Minister for Social Security, Deputy Judy Martin (JM) - Chair
Minister for the Environment, Deputy John Young (JY)
Connétable Christopher Taylor (CT)
Deputy Rowland Huelin (RH)
Dr Michael Oliver (MO)
Murray Norton – Jersey Chamber of Commerce (MN)

Apologies

Senator Sarah Ferguson (SF)
John Shenton – Representative for the Institute of Directors (JS)

Executive Support:

Sue Duhamel – Policy Director (SD)
Neil Stocks – Senior Policy Officer (NS)
Matthew Berry – Senior Legal Adviser – LOD (MB) (from 13:30)
Ben Markwell-Sales - Private Secretary (BMS)

1. Welcome and apologies

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were noted from SF and JS. The Board asked for their best wishes for a speedy recovery to be passed on to SF.

2. Update on recent events

2.1 CT informed the Board that he had stood down from his roles as Assistant Chief Minister and Chair for the MPDB, but would be continuing as a Connétable and States Assembly member, and proposed that JM would take on the role of Chair.

2.2 RH proposed that CT should remain as a member of the Board in order to complete the Board's final recommendations.

2.3 MN supported the proposal that CT should remain on the Board because of the corporate history that CT had built up in the Board's discussions.

2.4 JM proposed that for the purposes of continuity CT remain on the Board, in the capacity of a backbencher, to review the work that had already taken place. The Board would not be considering any new evidence at this meeting but was intending to finalise the proposed Board's recommendations for its final report.

2.5 The Board unanimously agreed that CT should remain on the Board as a backbencher to input into the final report and that JM would be Chair for the Board until the final report had been presented to the Chief Minister at the end of January.

2.6 MN advised the Board that Chamber representatives had met with NS and SD to discuss the draft of the final report in detail. MN noted that Chamber reserved the right not to agree with every single element of the report once the Chief Minister presents the final recommendations

3. Minutes of last meeting for approval

2.1 The minutes of meeting 17 were approved by the Board.

4. Discussion on the Board's role after January

4.1 The Board discussed its intentions once its final report had been presented to the Chief Minister. It was noted that the terms of reference were that the Board provide a report of its findings to the Chief Minister, that this would be shared with the Council of Ministers, and that it would be published as soon as practical and appropriate.

4.2 The Board agreed that its work would be completed at the point that its final report was presented to the Chief Minister.

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

5.1 The Board continued its discussions on the final report and a number of suggestions were made to amend and improve the draft report.

5.2 The Board undertook a detailed review of all the recommendations made in the final draft report. Where there were no additional comments on the recommendation, it was agreed by the Board. All suggested amendments were noted and will be added for review prior to the final report being submitted.

5.3 In the majority of the of areas discussed there was strong consensus within the Board for its recommendations. In some areas the recommendations express the views of the majority of the Board.

5.4 The terms of reference allow the dissent of a member to be noted where requested. JY wished to note his dissent regarding the recommendation for 9 month and 4 year short term workers to not be named permissions. JY advised that all permissions should be on a named and time limited

basis. The remainder of the Board felt that this would lead to a system of controls that were too bureaucratic and require significant extra resources.

6. Timetable

6.1 SD & NS explained the time line for the final stages of preparing the report and how further draft reports would be submitted until agreement.

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6.1 The meeting closed at 14:35.

Minutes agreed

Chairman:

Deputy Huelin

Date:

06/02/20

Agreement for publication

Chairman:

Deputy Huelin

Date:

06/02/20

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