

Migration Policy Development Board



Migration Policy Development Board (the 'Board' or the 'MPDB') Meeting 11
Thursday 19th September 2019, 14.00 – 16:30

Board:

Assistant Chief Minister, Connétable Christopher Taylor (CT) (Chair)
Minister for the Environment, Deputy John Young (JY)
Deputy Rowland Huelin (RH)
Dr Michael Oliver (MO)
Murray Norton – Jersey Chamber of Commerce (MN)

Executive Support:

Sue Duhamel – Policy Director (SD)
Neil Stocks – Policy Principal, Immigration & Migration Policy (NS)
Matthew Viney – Policy Principal (MV)

Apologies:

Minister for Social Security, Deputy Judy Martin (JM)
Senator Sarah Ferguson (SF)
John Shenton – Institute of Directors (JS)

1. Welcome, apologies and minutes of last meeting

1.1 CT welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted from JM, SF and JS.

1.2 The minutes of Meeting 10 – Friday 6th September 2019 were agreed by the Board.

2. Matters arising

2.1 Skills – Discussion Paper for approval

NS summarised the revisions to the paper. The Board raised several additional comments and it was agreed that the paper would be re-circulated for final approval.

2.2. Council of Ministers Presentation

SD spoke to the recent presentation given at the Council of Ministers meeting on 18th September 2019 on the interlinking of various policy areas across Government i.e. the Island Plan, Migration, Housing, Skills.

Action 1 – Circulate the slides from the COM presentation to all members for review.

3. Informal Consultation – Discussion and agreement.

3.1 The draft consultation paper was reviewed. SD summarised the paper, which is based on the evidence reviewed by the Board and the potential possible options that the Board is currently considering.

3.2 SD lead a review of the “assumption” bullet points. The Board agreed the majority of the assumptions which will be included as part of the briefing pack to invited stakeholders.

3.3 SD - invited Board to make further comments following the meeting.

Action 2 – Circulate revised consultation document.

3.4 The Board considered a set of 4 hypothetical permissions, which are designed to act as a “strawman” to support the discussions with stakeholders.

SD gave an overview of each of the strawman criteria and reviewed the specific examples.

The Board emphasised that the strawman criteria are not their policy proposals but form a starting point on which to base future conversations from which they will develop their policy recommendations.

Given the complexity of these issues it was agreed that a Law Officer should be invited to support the Board and that a communications officer should also be allocated to this project to help with public understanding of these issues.

Action 3 – Request LOD support for the Board.

Action 4 – Arrange COMMS support for the Board

4. Structure of stakeholder sessions

4.1 It was noted that the next phase of the Board’s work was to discuss migration issues with invited stakeholders. The Board discussed the format and timing of meetings and the range of stakeholders to be included. A number of additional stakeholder suggestions were made.

Action 5 - Create timetable of meetings and invite stakeholders.

5. AOB and date of next meeting

5.1 There was no further business arising.

5.2 The date of the next meeting would be Thursday 3rd October 2019.

5.3 The meeting was closed at 16:40

6. Action Points

	Action required	Allocated to	Required by	Date completed
1	Circulate the slides from the COM presentation to all members for review.	NS/SD	03/10/19	30/09/19
2	Circulate revised consultation document.	NS/SD	03/10/19	30/09/19
3	Request LOD support for the Board.	SD	03/10/19	27/09/19
4	Arrange COMMS support for the Board	NS	03/10/19	09/10/19
5	Create timetable of meetings and invite stakeholders.	NS	03/10/19	30/09/19

Minutes agreed

Chairman:



Date:

03/10/19

Agreement for publication

Chairman:



Date:

03/10/19

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	Pending
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