

Migration Policy Development Board



Migration Policy Development Board (the 'Board' or the 'MPDB') Meeting 5
Thursday 16th May 2019, 14.00 – 16.00

Board:

Assistant Chief Minister, Connétable Christopher Taylor (CT) (Chair)
Minister for Social Security, Deputy Judy Martin (JM)
Minister for the Environment, Deputy John Young (JY)
Senator Sarah Ferguson (SF)
Murray Norton – Jersey Chamber of Commerce (MN)
John Shenton – Jersey Institute of Directors (JS)

Executive Support:

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

Guests:

Paul Bradbury – Head of Ministerial Support - (PB) – for a time

Apologies:

Chief Minister, Senator John Le Fondre (JLF)
Deputy Rowland Huelin (RH)
Dr Michael Oliver (MO)

1. Welcome, apologies and minutes of last meeting

1.1. CT welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted from JLF, RH and MO

1.2. The minutes of Meeting 4 on the 18th April 2019 were agreed by the Board.

1.3. NS presented a brief overview of the four previous Board meetings. Hard copies of all relevant papers and reports were made available to the Board.

2. Workshop

2.1. MM outlined the objective of the workshop was to establish the future workflow for the Board, focusing on key areas for each member ensuring that the various views and perspectives are incorporated.

2.2. The Board engaged in an open and varied discussion. A list of key priorities were discussed, (see item 4)

3. Previous Migration Policy – PB

3.1. PB joined the meeting at 15:15.

3.2. PB presented an overview of the previously withdrawn migration policy to the Board. PB noted that the full policy is published and available online on gov.je¹.

The policy presented proposals which addressed the following key areas:

- Achieving an overall reduction in the rate of net migration
- Introduction of photographs on registration cards
- Introduction of criminal record checks on migrants
- Introduction of Work Permits
- Measures to improve community integration for migrants

3.3. JY noted that there must be flexibility in the revised policy to be proposed by the Board. He further suggested that there were elements of the previous policy which were still viable which should be included in the Board's considerations.

3.4. The Chair thanked PB for the presentation.

¹ <https://statesassembly.gov.je/assemblypropositions/2018/p.70-2018.pdf>

4. Formulate MPDB Plan for May - July

4.1. Following the workshop and presentation, the Board discussed and identified the following key priorities for future work and (where relevant) discussion at the next meeting:

- Review of how new migrants currently access services – how might this be changed and what would the impact be in terms of fairness and value to the migrant and the Island?
- Identify skills gaps – what can be done to match target skills to Island demand. The Board noted that it was important to make use of the resident skills and labour market before looking externally.
- Financial/Economic analysis – can we gather more detailed information to ascertain the revenue generated by different roles and employers within the different sectors? What would the effect be of increasing the ratio of higher paid to lower paid workers?
- Ensure a coordinated approach between this Board and the Revenue and Housing PD Boards.
- Consideration to be given to the impact of net migration upon the Island's infrastructure.

4.2. The Board requested that a paper published by the Guernsey Government, detailing their work permit categories be circulated prior to the next meeting.

4.3. NS noted that officers have engaged with Guernsey counterparts about their work permit system which has been in place for 2 years. This system is currently being reviewed to see if it is controlling population as intended, this may provide useful information for the MPDB.

ACTION 1 - Circulate Guernsey Work Permit Category Paper.

5. AOB

5.1. None noted.

6. Housekeeping

6.1. The date of the next meeting is Thursday 30th May 2019.

6.2. Officers will ensure the Broad Street Guest Wifi password is available for the next meeting.

6.3. There being no further business, CT thanked everyone present and closed the meeting at 16:17.

7. Action Points

	Action required	Allocated to	Required by	Date completed
1	Circulate Guernsey Work Permit Category Paper.	NS	30/05/19	22/05/19

Minutes agreed

Chairman:



Date:

30/05/19

Agreement for publication

Chairman:



Date:

31/05/19

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	30/05/19
Meeting 4	8	Circulate dependency ratio report	NS/MV	25/04/19	Placed on MPDB website – 04/04/19
Meeting 4	9	Circulation of Birth and School attendance statistics	Statistics Jersey/NS/MV	13/05/19	To Chair – 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