

LAWTECH DELIVERY PANEL MINUTES

Date: **28.10.2019**

Time: 09:00-10:30

Location: Tech Nation offices, London

Attendees:

Christina Blacklaws (CB) - Chair

Rt Hon Lord Keen of Elie QC (LK), Justice Minister

Sir Geoffrey Vos (SGV), Chancellor of the High Court

Professor Richard Susskind (RS), Technology Advisor to the Lord Chief Justice

Gary Campkin (GC), MD External Relations & Strategic Issues City UK - by conference call, for the first hour

Dr Anna Donovan (AD), Vice Dean, UCL

Rosemary Martin (RM), General Counsel, Vodafone - by conference call

Amelia Wright (AW), Deputy Director, Legal Services Policy, MoJ

Emma Dearnaley (ED), Head of Legal Services Innovation, MoJ

Steven Jarman (SJ), Head of UK Legal Services Policy, MoJ

Gerard Grech (GG), CEO, Tech Nation

Jenifer Swallow (JS), Executive Delivery Function Director, Tech Nation

Paul Novelle (PN), Consultant, Tech Nation

Liz Stevenson (LS), Stakeholder Affairs and Communications Director, Tech Nation

Apologies:

Sonya Branch, General Counsel, Bank of England

Meeting minutes:

Welcome

- CB opened the meeting with introductions and apologies and an outline of the agenda.

- CB highlighted the positive momentum behind the LTDP and its next phase, with the impending appointment of Tech Nation, to bring to lawtech its track record supporting the growth of fintech.
- GG welcomed the attendees and outlined the opportunities available in LawTech including the size of the market.

MoJ update

- AW updated the Panel on the grant agreement process, appointment structure and terms of reference.
- The subject of communications was discussed, including ensuring the independence of Panel members in respect of their official duties, the production of an overall communications strategy and updating current LTDP taskforce members on developments in the short term.

Work programme

- JS presented a framework for the work programme, based on the purpose and objectives of the LTDP, and outlined the short term activity based on the 'live' work of the LTDP and the work to set up the Executive Delivery Function (EDF) at Tech Nation. The Panel discussed the framework and objectives and details and timing of funding.
- LK highlighted the importance of the overall problem statement for the LTDP focusing on the architecture needed to support the transformation of the legal sector in the context of wider society, not only on the technology itself. The Panel also discussed the ambition for global change and removing impediments at a systemic, cultural level. The Panel noted industry statistics and the activity around lawtech, and committed to focusing on issues and opportunities the LTDP is uniquely placed to address.
- JS outlined resourcing needs for the EDF, with 2 full time roles planned by way of staffing. It was noted that further resource may be needed in time, to allow the LTDP work to scale.
- The Panel agreed that engagement with the private sector in the work of the LTDP would be fair and transparent and handled equitably.
- JS highlighted Tech Nation's plans to engage with the wider lawtech community and the importance of broad inputs and collaboration, with the approach to this to be determined. Feedback was noted, along with the importance of having access to technical and subject matter expertise in the work of the LTDP.

Taskforce updates

- Panel members gave an update on taskforce activity.
- The Panel reviewed a timeline of work to March 2020, including establishment and staffing of the Executive Delivery Function and the delivery of a draft 2022 Vision and Delivery Plan, incorporating inputs from the lawtech community.

AOB

- It was agreed that the next Panel meeting would be in December, with the date to be confirmed. Taskforce meetings and bilateral meetings with JS and would occur in between.
- CB thanked the attendees for their input and, there being no further business, closed the meeting.