

LAWTECH DELIVERY PANEL MINUTES

Date: **20.01.2020**

Time: 16:00-18:00

Location: Tech Nation offices, London

Attendees:

Christina Blacklaws (CB) - Chair

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

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

Dr Anna Donovan (AD), Vice Dean, UCL

Rosemary Martin (RM), General Counsel, Vodafone

Annabel Burns (AB), Director, Judicial and Legal Services Policy, MoJ

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

Lydia Morris (LM), Senior Policy Adviser, MoJ

Jenifer Swallow (JS), Lawtech Director, Tech Nation

Paul Novelle (PN), Consultant, Tech Nation

Alex Lennox (AL), Head of Lawtech, Tech Nation

Jemima Pitceathly (JP), Comms and Stakeholders Affairs, Tech Nation

Apologies:

Rt Hon Lord Keen of Elie QC, Justice Minister

Sonya Branch, General Counsel, Bank of England

Gary Campkin, MD External Relations & Strategic Issues City UK

Meeting Minutes:

Welcome

- CB opened the meeting and outlined the agenda and welcomed AL as the new Head of Lawtech at Tech Nation.

MoJ Update

- AB explained that the MoJ had retained its Ministerial team and that Ministers remain focused on an economic agenda.

Taskforce Update

- The Panel members that were present each gave an update on taskforce activities.

Delivery and process for funding

- JS covered progress to date and set out the process for funding and delivery, including the preparation of business cases and costing.
- ED reminded Panel members that the projects and outcomes will need to support the MoJ grant's purpose and objectives in order to receive funding.

Delivery plan update

- There was a discussion around the structure of taskforces and the challenges to address, noting that a lot has changed since the Panel's conception.

Update from John Armour

- JA presented on the government-funded Oxford University research project 'Unlocking the potential of AI for English law' and synergies with the work of the Panel were discussed.

Close

- CB thanked JA and the Panel for attending.
- The next Panel meeting is to be rescheduled to another available date.