

**LAWTECH DELIVERY PANEL
MINUTES**

Date: **30.03.2020**

Time: 15:00-18:00

Location: Video conference

Attendees:

Christina Blacklaws (CB) – Chair

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

Rt Hon 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

Clare Hayes (CH), Deputy Director, Legal Services Policy, Ministry of Justice

Emma Dearnaley (ED), Head of Legal Services Innovation, Ministry of Justice

Lydia Morris (LM), Senior Policy Adviser, Ministry of Justice

Andrea Dowsett (AD), Private Secretary, Judicial Office

Jenifer Swallow (JS), Lawtech Director, Tech Nation

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

Alexander Jackman (AJ), Head of Government Relations, Tech Nation

Shirley Tam (ST), Lawtech Executive, Tech Nation

Apologies:

Sonya Branch, General Counsel, Bank of England

Meeting Minutes:

Welcome

- CB opened the meeting, outlined the agenda, and welcomed CH as the new Deputy Director of Legal Services Policy, leading the LTDP grant.

MoJ Update

- CH introduced her role and perspective and explained other recent Government changes, including to the ministerial team.
- CH reminded the Panel that the grant had been awarded to further the MoJ's economic policy agenda to support digital transformation of the UK legal sector and support emerging Lawtech in the UK, with a global focus.
- CH reiterated the focus of the grant is on businesses and growth.

Status, vision and strategy

- JS outlined the Lawtech Vision, strategy and proposed work programme.

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- The impact of the Covid-19 outbreak on the sector and the proposed delivery plan for FY20/21 was discussed, along with the importance of remaining responsive to developments.

Taskforce project proposals and funding allocations

- Business cases for project funding were presented, along with forecasted costs and delivery timelines. After a full discussion, all proposed projects and funding allocation were supported, subject to minor adjustments, with a view to supporting and helping transform the legal sector, through technology.
- Taskforce activity and engagement, and wider communications strategy were discussed.
- RS expressed appreciation for the support with and funding for the Remote Courts Worldwide website, launched on 30 March 2020 to help the digital justice community come together globally in response to Covid-19.

Panel membership

- Expanding Panel membership was discussed, including the importance of diverse representation and maintaining the neutrality of the Panel as a public interest body.

Next steps

- JS explained the steps for moving forward into delivery, including the governance processes for formal approval, further sector consultation, and transparency of the vision and work programme, through publication.

Close

- CB thanked attendees, and the Executive Delivery Team for the hard work, vision and progress.
- The next meeting was scheduled for 18th May 2020.