

Legal Aid Review Panel

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Record of Meeting

Meeting held by Video Conference

Date: 7th January 2022

Present	Deputy Steve Ahier (Chair) Deputy David Johnson
	Deputy Rob Ward
	Deputy Nob Ward
Apologies	
In attendance	Anna Thorne, Committee and Panel Officer
	Peter Lamy, Research and Project Officer
	Item 1 only
	Adam Clarke, Judicial Greffier
	Neville Benbow, Chief Executive Officer, Law Society of Jersey
	David Le Marquand, Policy Officer

Agenda matter	Action	
1. Legal Aid Guidelines Briefing		
The Panel welcomed the Judicial Greffier and the Chief Executive of the Law Society as representatives of the Legal Aid Guidelines Advisory Committee, who briefed it on R.191/2021 Publication of the Legal Aid Guidelines. This meeting was held in private in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Qualified Exemption Article 35.		
2. Forward actions		
The Panel discussed points raised within the briefing and its scrutiny work more widely. The Panel agreed that forming a comments paper on R.191/2021 Publication of Legal Aid Guidelines was not necessary, noting the previous work of the Panel and the timeframe. The Panel agreed that it should issue a press release highlighting:		
 The need for the Legal Aid Guidelines to be clearly communicated to the public, including ability to access the Legal Aid Scheme That it was anticipated that the guidelines would not be debated 		
The Panel noted that as Article 11 of the <u>Access to Justice (Jersey) Law 2019</u> had not yet been brought into effect and that draft Regulations under Article 6 of the <u>Costs in Criminal Cases (Jersey) Law 1961</u> were not lodged, its work would continue.		