



## Legal Aid Review Panel

### Records of Meetings

Year: 2021

The following records of meetings have been approved by the Panel.

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Chair

Deputy Steve Ahier

# Legal Aid Review Panel

## Record of Meeting

### Meeting held by video conference

Date: 26th January 2021

Present	Deputy Steve Ahier (Chair) Connétable Richard Vibert Deputy David Johnson Deputy Rob Ward
In attendance	Andrew Harris, Committee and Panel Officer Anna Thorne, Committee and Panel Officer Theo Stone, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<b>1. Review Panel Work Programme</b>  The Panel noted the length of time that had passed since the adoption of the Draft Access to Justice (Jersey) Law 201- [P.23/2019] on 1st May 2019, and noted that the Guidelines required the Advisory Committee to provide a report to the Chief Minister no later than 6 months after its establishment.  The Panel agreed to write to the Chief Minister to seek an update on the progress made and when the Guidelines would be finalised and presented to the States Assembly, with the Bâtonnier, Judicial Greffier and Law Society of Jersey cc'd into the letter, and to seek an update on the use of the Legal Aid Office.	<b>AH</b>
<b>2. Future Meetings</b>  The Panel agreed that it would wait until the response from the Chief Minister had been received, after which it would arrange further meetings accordingly.	<b>AH</b>

# Legal Aid Review Panel

## Record of Meeting

### Meeting held by video conference

Date: 16th February 2021

Present	Deputy Steve Ahier (Chair) Connétable Richard Vibert Deputy David Johnson Deputy Rob Ward
In attendance	Andrew Harris, Principal Committee and Panel Officer Peter Lamy, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<b>1. Records of Minutes</b> The Panel approved the record of the meeting held on the 26th January 2021.	
<b>2. Review Panel Work Programme</b> The Panel noted and discussed a letter from the Chief Minister and indicative implementation timetable for the proposed Legal Aid Scheme received 5th February 2021. The Panel noted and discussed draft Legal Aid Guidelines provided to the Panel in confidence by the Chief Minister, received 11th February 2021. The Panel agreed that the Chief Minister would be invited to brief it on the Legal Aid Scheme and Draft Guidelines, requesting that officers make the necessary arrangements. The Panel agreed that the Judicial Greffier, in his capacity as Chair of the Legal Aid Guidelines Advisory Committee (LAGAC), would be invited to meet with it to discuss the Legal Aid Scheme and Draft Guidelines, requesting that officers make the necessary arrangements. The Panel agreed that an additional representative of the LAGAC would also be welcome to attend. The Panel agreed that it would be useful to compare the current Legal Aid Scheme with the Draft Guidelines and requested that officers compose a briefing document.	<b>AH</b>     <b>AH</b>  <b>PL</b>
<b>3. Future Meetings</b> The Panel agreed that it would meet prior to receiving the Chief Minister or Judicial Greffier.	<b>AH</b>

# Legal Aid Review Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 14th April 2021

Present	Deputy Steve Ahier (Chair) Deputy David Johnson Deputy Rob Ward
Apologies	Connétable Richard Vibert
In attendance	Deputy Kirsten Morel, member, Legal Aid Guidelines Advisory Committee Helen Miles, member, Legal Aid Guidelines Advisory Committee Neville Benbow, Chief Executive, Jersey Law Society Adam Clarke, Judicial Greffier David Le Marquand, Policy Principal  Andrew Harris, Principal Committee and Panel Officer Anna Thorne, Committee and Panel Officer Peter Lamy, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<b>1. Briefing on Legal Aid Guidelines</b>  The Panel welcomed Deputy Morel, representatives of the Legal Aid Guidelines Advisory Committee and Law Society, who briefed it on 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.	
<b>2. Post Briefing Discussion</b>  The Panel agreed that a letter would be written to the Chief Minister to ascertain an updated timetable for the lodging of the Appointed Days Act of the Legal Aid Guidelines.	<b>PL</b>

# Legal Aid Review Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 14th July 2021

Present	Deputy Steve Ahier (Chair) Deputy David Johnson Deputy Rob Ward
Apologies	
In attendance	Anna Thorne, Committee and Panel Officer Peter Lamy, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<b>1. Access to Justice (Jersey) Law 2019 (Appointed Day) Act 202-</b>  The Panel noted and discussed a draft comments paper on the <a href="#">Access to Justice (Jersey) Law 2019 (Appointed Day) Act 202- P.63/2021</a> .  The Panel agreed a number of changes to the wording of the draft and agreed that a final version would be reviewed for approval electronically.	<b>PL</b>