

# **Actions Agreed at the Fourth Meeting of the Commission on Justice in Wales**

## **Venues**

**Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff on 26 April 2018**

**Conference Centre, University of South Wales, Trefforest campus on 27 April 2018**

## **Present**

The Right Honourable The Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd (Chair)  
Simon Davies  
Professor Elwen Evans QC  
Dr Nerys Llewelyn Jones  
Juliet Lyon CBE  
Sarah Payne CBE  
Professor Rick Rawlings  
Peter Vaughan QPM CStJ DL  
Sir Wyn Williams

## **In attendance**

Andrew Felton, Secretary to the Commission  
Dave Gordon, Secretariat Team  
Chris James, Secretariat Team  
Nova Leonard, Secretariat Team  
Rhys Thomas, Secretariat Team

## **Actions**

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| 1             | The Commissioners to consider the Wales Centre for Public Policy draft report and suggest any amendments to the Secretariat team. | Commissioners   |

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| 2 | Circulate a proposed list of the Commissioners who would attend each session in Scotland.   | Secretariat team |
| 3 | Provide a briefing on devolved tribunals in Scotland.   | Secretariat team |
| 4 | Send questions to the CPS.  | Secretariat team |
| 5 | Arrange a meeting between Lord Thomas and Alison Saunders, the Director of Public Prosecutions.   | Secretariat team |
| 6 | Contact the other prosecuting bodies in Wales.  | Secretariat team |
| 7 | Arrange a meeting between Lord Thomas and Susan Acland-Hood, the CEO of HMCTS.  | Secretariat team |
| 8 | Contact the office of the Future Generations Commissioner to ask about the role of the Well-being of Future Generations Act in assisting with prevention. | Secretariat team |

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| 9  | Draft and circulate an initial set of questions on costings for development and agreement.  | Sarah Payne, followed by other Commissioners |
| 10 | Contact the Wales Audit Office to discuss whether there was work it could do on costings for the Commission.  | Secretariat team                             |
| 11 | Ask the Knowledge and Analytical Services team in the Welsh Government for data on the contribution of the Cardiff legal sector to the Welsh economy. | Secretariat team                             |
| 12 | Engagement with senior officials in the Welsh Government to discuss the policy and strategy for the legal sector in Wales.                            | Secretariat team                             |
| 13 | Establish the numbers of law graduates from Welsh Universities taken on by law firms in Wales.  | Legal professions and economy work stream    |
| 14 | Consider why Bristol is successful relative to Cardiff?   | Legal professions and economy work stream    |
| 15 | Contact Guto Ifan and Ed Poole, economists at the Wales Governance Centre, about work they may be able to undertake on                                | Secretariat team                             |

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|    | the economy.  |                  |
| 16 | Ask the Learned Society of Wales if it could help with collecting data, following its recent paper on legal education and the legal sector. | Secretariat team |
| 17 | Arrange a meeting with law firms in Llandrindod Wells on 11 May.  | Secretariat team |
| 18 | Gather sources of data on family justice work in Wales for the civil justice work stream.   | Secretariat team |
| 19 | Establish the level of representation of parties appearing before tribunals in Wales.   | Secretariat team |
| 20 | Arrange meetings with Nick Hurd, Rory Stewart, Richard Heaton and Justin Russell.   | Secretariat team |
| 21 | Prepare examples of agendas and notes of actions from the Commission's meetings for publishing on the Commission's web site.                | Secretariat team |

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| 22 | Recirculate instructions for turning off the Objective Connect notifications.  | Secretariat team  |
| 23 | Add new files to Objective Connect for each work stream.   | Secretariat team  |
| 24 | Consider the View from Below report and distribute copies to the Commissioners.  | Secretariat team  |
| 25 | Ask for update from the PLP on administrative law research.  | Secretariat team  |
| 26 | Contact the Welsh Government policy leads on Public Service Boards regarding relevant evaluations and research on the work and governance of the PSBs. | Secretariat team  |
| 27 | Decide after the Scotland visit about visiting Northern Ireland.   | The Commissioners |
| 28 | Enquire whether it would be possible for Birbeck to arrange an expert round-table meeting on international perspectives on justice.                    | Juliet Lyon       |

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| 29 | Arrange a meeting with the Judicial Appointments Commission about the lack of Welsh recorders and concerns about succession planning for the judiciary. | Secretariat team |
| 30 | Arrange a meeting with District Judges.   | Secretariat team |