

**Minutes of the Plenary Meeting held on Thursday 7 January 2010,
Ground Floor Boardroom, Headline Building, Victoria Street, Belfast.**

Present: The Right Honourable Sir Declan Morgan, the Lord Chief
Justice of Northern Ireland (Chairman)
Mrs Sinead Burns
The Right Honourable Lord Justice Coghlin
Mr Donal Flanagan OBE
Mr John Gordon
District Judge (Magistrates' Court) Amanda Henderson
Mrs Ruth Laird
Her Honour Judge Loughran
Professor John Morison
Dr Nichola Rooney

In Attendance: Mr Edward Gorringe (Chief Executive)
Ms Adeline Frew
Mr Tim Horgan
Mr Andrew Millar

Apologies

Mr Peter Cush
Dr Raymond Mullan OBE
The Honourable Mr Justice Weatherup

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2009 were agreed by the Commissioners and signed by The Right Honourable Sir Declan Morgan (Chairman of the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission).

Matters Arising

2. There were no matters arising.

Outreach

3. Commissioners agreed to adjourn consideration of this issue until the next plenary meeting on 4 March 2010.

Mapping Across Competencies at Short Listing

4. Commissioners considered Paper C/08/09 and following discussion it was agreed:
 - a. That the Executive Team would prepare a further report on the matter of Mapping Across, for deliberation by Plenary.
 - b. That the Executive Team's further report will include consideration of the literature provided to applicants to advise them clearly on how to complete their self assessment and on how the Selection Committee will consider evidence provided by applicants.
 - c. That the Executive Team's further report will also consider how to deal with the risk of unnecessary repetition by applicants.
 - d. That, in the interim and pending the finalisation of NIJAC policy in this matter, Selection Committees would Map Across competence areas within the Self Assessment section of each application.

Request for Non-Renewal of Appointment

- 5. The Commission noted the report and the action taken, including the related correspondence.

Report to Business Committee (24 Nov 2009)

- 6. The Commission noted the report to the Business Committee (24 November 2009)

Information Assurance Guidance

- 7. The Commission noted the guidance provided on Information Assurance and asked that the issue be put before the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

Devolution Update

- 8. The Commission noted the update on Devolution.

Updates, Signed Minutes from Committees and Appointments and Reappointments Schedules

- 9. These were noted by the Commission.

Any Other Business

- 10. One confidential matter was discussed by Commissioners.
The NIJAC Executive Team left the meeting, with the exception of the Chief Executive, for this discussion.

Signed

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The Right Honourable Sir Declan Morgan, the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, Chairman of the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission

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