

**Minutes of the Plenary Meeting held on Thursday 9 December 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 Raymond Mullan OBE
Dr Nichola Rooney
The Honourable Mr Justice Weatherup

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

Apologies

Mr Peter Cush

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2010 were agreed by the Commissioners.
2. The Commission confirmed there were no conflicts of interest before proceeding with the meeting.

Appointments and Re-appointments Policy

3. The Commissioners discussed the internal policy statement 'Approval of Appointments and Re-Appointments by NIJAC' at paper C18/10 and agreed to proceed in line with the tabled policy in the interim pending completion of a review of re-appointments. An updated policy will be tabled at the next plenary after legal advice on the future of re-appointments has been received.

On Board Guidance

4. The Commissioners were presented with the newly issued Department of Finance and Personnel guidance 'On Board – A Guide for Board Members of Public Bodies'.
5. The Commissioners are to read the guidance and raise any issues at the next plenary.

To Note

Report to the Business Committee

6. The report which had been before the Business Committee on 16 November 2010 was considered and approved by the Commissioners.
7. The Chief Executive gave an update to the plenary on the current Headline Building lease negotiations.
8. It was noted that the under spend in October was due to timing and the Commission were on target to spend its budget by 31st March 2011.
9. It was noted that the Annual Report & Accounts, and the Corporate Plan would not be printed going forward, but made available on the website to download.

Updates, Signed Minutes from Committees and Appointments and Reappointments Schedules

10. Duly noted by the Commissioners.

Any Other Business

11. None.

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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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