

Harris Review Meeting 7

13:45 – 16:00, 17 July 2014, Room 7.02BA, Clive House, 70 Petty France

Present: Lord Toby Harris (TH), Stephen Cragg (SC), Philip Leach (PL), Deborah Coles (DC), Meng Aw Yong (MAY), Graham Towl (GT), Dinesh Maganty (DM), Deborah Browne (DB), Robyn Malan de Merindol (RM)

Mayur Patel (MP) for item 6

Apologies: Matilda MacAttram (MM), Richard Shepherd (RS)

Item 5: Minutes of the meeting 26.06.2014

1. Minutes accepted as true record.

Item 8: Action Log

2. The Action Log was gone through and updated as appropriate. It was agreed, for Action 1, that the Harris Review's Report would define the scope at the outset, highlighting any difficulties obtaining information.

Action 53: Secretariat to liaise with Inquest Lawyers Group to facilitate attendance at a meeting by some panel members.

Action 54: Secretariat to request details of Safer Custody Audit in Official Questions for NOMS.

Item 6: Legal Advisor to the Review

3. MP summarised his anticipated services to the panel. He explained how Treasury Solicitors would guide the panel through legal issues. *[Details of areas where advice provided has been redacted as relates to privileged and confidential advice].*

4. *[Paragraph redacted as relates to privileged and confidential advice provided to the Panel]*

5. TH said that in the interests of openness of the Review, he would expect to publish the declaration of interest forms on the website and/ or include them in the final report. Any irrelevant content can be redacted at a later date.

Action 55: *[Action redacted as relates to privileged and confidential advice to be provided to the Panel]*

6. . *[Paragraph redacted as relates to privileged and confidential advice provided to the Panel]*

Item 7: Update on Ministerial Correspondence

7. TH updated the panel on recent correspondence with the Minister, the background to it and the successful outcome. TH highlighted to the panel that the Review will need to manage its work within the resources that it has.

Item 9: Young Adult Engagement

8. DB described the proposals for engaging more directly with young adults (paper 2014-07-17 F). The panel agreed with the overall approach. Suggestions were put forward to make the suggested questions more accessible to young adults with a lower literacy level. It was suggested that it would be preferable if panel members could speak to young adults in prisons without staff present. This will be looked into, but there may be health and safety issues to consider.

Action 56: DC to provide DB with further suggestions and comments before this goes out.

Item 10: Community Groups Stakeholder Event

9. DB outlined proposals for an event to engage local community-based groups that work with the cohort (paper 2014-07-17 G). The panel were satisfied with the proposals. It was agreed that:

- one of the keynote speakers should be a woman;
- enough time should be allowed for discussion and feedback;
- a panel member should provide the feedback from each table group;
- The secretariat will give further thought to who should be in each of the groups and the structure of the day, and
- That Lord Adebowale should be invited to be a keynote speaker.

Action 57: Secretariat to draft letter from TH inviting Lord Adebowale to speak

Action 58: Panel to provide secretariat with other suggestions for speakers.

Item 11: AOB

10. It was explained that the logistics around planning prison visits were taking up a lot of time and the panel were asked to stick with the prison visits to which they have been allocated if at all possible.