

## Law Council of Wales – 25 April 2022

<b>Present:</b>	<p>Mick Antoniw MS – Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution          Lord Lloyd-Jones – President, Former Justice of the Supreme Court          Emyr Lewis – Deputy President, Head of Department of Law and Criminology, Aberystwyth University          Dan Caunt – Group Head of Legal, Admiral Group Plc          Mark Davies – Director, Goldstones Solicitors          Dr Hephzibah Egede –Senior Lecturer in Law/Programme Director, Cardiff Metropolitan University          David Elias QC – Barrister, 9 Park Place Chambers          Lord Justice Nicholas Green – Chair, Law Commission          Mr Justice Martin Griffiths – Presiding Judge of the Wales Circuit          Jenny Hopkins – Chief Crown Prosecutor for Wales, CPS          Dr Nerys Llewelyn-Jones – Managing Partner, Agri Advisor          Daniela Mahapatra – Deputy Director, NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership – Legal &amp; Risk Services          Alison Perry – Head of Department of Law, Swansea University          Jonathan Rees QC – Barrister, Apex Chambers          Fran Targett – Chair of the National Advice Network</p>
<b>Officials’ attendance:</b>	<p>Jonathan Davies – Head of Wales, The Law Society of England and Wales          Sian Johnston – Office Executive, The Law Society of England and Wales</p>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<p>Mrs Justice Nerys Jefford – Presiding Judge of the Wales Circuit          Eve Piffaretti – Partner and Head of Office in Wales, Blake Morgan          Sir Wyn Williams – President of the Welsh Tribunals</p>
<b>Observers:</b>	<p>Andrew Felton – Senior Welsh Government Official, Justice Policy          James Gerard – Deputy Director, Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Welsh Government          Zuzka Hilton – Welsh Government Official, Justice Policy</p>

1. The Counsel General provided an update on the work Welsh Government is undertaking around the legal sector including:
  - Legal apprenticeships
  - Upcoming Welsh Government Justice Publication
  
2. The Chairs of the working groups provided an update on the two working projects that have been chosen and approved by the Executive Committee.
  - Education and Training Group
    - Establishing the baseline for a curriculum in Welsh law
    - Initial exploratory/scoping work on public education and understanding of Welsh law
  
  - Legal Services Group

- Legal Apprenticeships
  - Develop an action plan how to develop legal practices in rural and post-industrial areas
3. A new working group was established by the Committee, for a National Dispute Resolution Centre in Wales.
4. The next meeting will take place in July.

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