

## Law Council of Wales – 2 November 2021

<b>In attendance:</b>	Counsel General Mick Antoniw MS Dan Caunt – Group Head of Legal, Admiral Law 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 – Incoming Presiding Judge of the Wales Circuit Mrs Justice Nerys Jefford – Presiding Judge of the Wales Circuit Dr Nerys Llewelyn-Jones – Managing Partner, Agri Advisor Daniela Mahapatra – Deputy Director, NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership – Legal & Risk Services Alison Perry – Head of Department of Law, Swansea University Mr Justice Simon Picken – Presiding Judge of the Wales Circuit Jonathan Rees QC – Barrister, Apex Chambers Deborah Rogers – Deputy Chief Crown Prosecutor for Wales, CPS Fran Targett – Chair of the National Advice Network Sir Wyn Williams – President of the Welsh Tribunals
<b>Officials’ attendance:</b>	Lord David Lloyd-Jones - Justice of the Supreme Court Emyr Lewis - Head of Department of Law and Criminology, Aberystwyth University Jonathan Davies - Head of Wales, The Law Society of England and Wales Sian Johnston – Office Executive, The Law Society of England and Wales
<b>Apologies:</b>	Jenny Hopkins – Chief Crown Prosecutor for Wales, CPS
<b>Observers:</b>	Andrew Felton – Senior Welsh Government Official, Justice Policy James Gerard – Deputy Director, Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Welsh Government Richard Jones – Engagement Manager, The Law Society of England and Wales Emma Waddingham – Editor and Founder, Legal News Wales, Media Consultant for Law Council

1. The Counsel General invited a variety of people from across the legal sector to join the Executive Committee Group. Details of members can be found [here](#).
2. The Counsel General opened the inaugural meeting of the Executive Committee Group of the Law Council of Wales. He noted:

2.1 Setting up the Law Council of Wales is a significant development, the sector coming together could help the legal sector in Wales address the challenges facing it.  
2.2 The Council will not be a Welsh Government body, it will be independent of it. He noted further that Welsh Government, whilst not a member, would support it in any way the Council wishes.

3. The Executive Committee Group voted unanimously to approve the following proposals:
  - 3.1 To establish the Law Council of Wales
  - 3.2 Lord Lloyd-Jones as the first President of the Law Council of Wales
  - 3.3 Emyr Lewis as the first Deputy President of the Law Council of Wales
  - 3.4 Jonathan Davies as Council Secretary for the Law Council of Wales
  
4. The Counsel General extended his thanks to these parties and officially handed the chairing over to Lord Lloyd-Jones.
  
5. The Council discussed the following matters:
  - 5.1 The draft constitution
  - 5.2 Future financing
  - 5.3 Independence of Welsh Government from the Council
  - 5.4 Proposed working groups and initial projects
  - 5.5 Membership and plenary of the full Council
  - 5.6 The Law Council website
  
6. The next meeting will take place in January.

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