

**Minutes of a Meeting held at 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Markwell House  
on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Ruth Costain (Chair)	RC
	David Trace (Vice Chair) ( <i>via Teams</i> )	DT
	Colm Andrew	CA
	Howard Connell	HC
	Bob Ayre ( <i>via Teams</i> )	BA
	Paul Coppell	PC
	Pam Pringle	PP
<b>Officers Present:</b>	Christine Clucas	CC
	Martina Jay	MJ
<b>Apologies:</b>	None	

<b>40/24</b>	<b>WELCOME AND MINUTES</b>		
	<p>RC opened the meeting. No conflicts of interest were declared.</p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023, having been previously circulated, were approved.</p>		
<b>40/25</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>		
	None.		
<b>40/26</b>	<b>MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION AND DECISION</b>		
	<b>(a)</b>	<b>Update on Staffing/Operational Matters (CC)</b>	
	<b>(i)</b>	<p>CC reported as follows:</p> <p>The Legal Aid Review was laid before Tynwald on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023. This was noted by the Committee.</p>	
	<b>(ii)</b>	<p>A member of the team will be leaving the Legal Aid Office on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 on a promotion to another Government Department. This was noted by Committee.</p> <p>The Legal Aid Certifying ( <b>MJ</b> ) updated as follows:</p>	
	<b>(b)</b>	<p>A Preliminary Hearing date has been listed before the LAAT on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 in relation to an Advocate's Appeal against the refusal by the Certifying Officer to grant a further disbursement under a Criminal Legal Aid Certificate that was issued by the Summary Court (Criminal Matters). This initial hearing</p>	

		will deal with the matter of jurisdiction. The Certifying Officer will keep the Committee updated. This was noted by the Committee.	
<b>40/27</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>		
		None.	

The meeting closed at 14:45

**Minutes agreed**

**By  
Chair**



**Date**

10/01/2024