

# **Actions Agreed at the Fifth Meeting of the Commission on Justice in Wales**

## **Venue**

**Crown Court building, Cathays Park, Cardiff at 11:00am on 12 June 2018**

## **Present**

The Right Honourable The Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd (Chair)  
Simon Davies  
Professor Elwen Evans QC  
Dr Nerys Llewelyn Jones  
Juliet Lyon CBE  
Sarah Payne CBE  
Professor Rick Rawlings  
Peter Vaughan QPM CStJ DL  
Sir Wyn Williams

## **In attendance**

Andrew Felton, Secretary to the Commission  
Dave Gordon, Secretariat Team  
Chris James, Secretariat Team  
Rhys Thomas, Secretariat Team

## **Actions**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Actioner</b>
1	The Secretariat team to discuss with the Wales Governance Centre including in its research programme research on: (a) funding models for third sector advice providers in the context of current fragmented funding from a multiplicity of sources; and (b) the legal professions and their relationships with the wider economy.	Secretariat team

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2	The Secretariat team to request data from the Ministry of Justice on comparative costs across the justice system in England, on a regional basis, and Wales.	Secretariat team
3	The Secretariat team to request evidence from Public Health Wales on how health organisations contribute to the criminal justice system.	Secretariat team
4	The Commission to consider how a summit between the Chief Constables of the four police forces in Wales, the Crown Prosecution Service and the resident judges in Wales could work.	Commissioners and the Secretariat team
5	The Secretariat team to request data from the Ministry of Justice about caseloads for all the courts in Wales.	Secretariat team
6	The Secretariat team to ask the Welsh Local Government Association the rationale adopted by local authorities when deciding whether to instruct law firms and counsel based in Wales, or outside Wales, and how they procure legal services.	Secretariat team
7	Elwen Evans to liaise with Simon Davies about a visit to Swansea University to see work being done to establish a technology centre.	Elwen Evans and Simon Davies

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8	The Secretariat team to request information from the Welsh Government about its procurement of legal services.	Secretariat team
9	The Secretariat team to arrange a meeting with lead officials in the Welsh Government's third sector team to explain the organising and funding of the third sector.	Secretariat team
10	The submissions to be divided between the Commissioners, with at least two Commissioners considering each submission with the aim of deciding who the Commission should invite to give oral evidence, the rationale for doing so and the questions to ask each witness.	Commissioners and the Secretariat team
11	The Secretariat team to compile a list of suggested witnesses to invite to oral evidence sessions.	Secretariat team
12	The Secretariat team to update the programme timeline to account for the changes agreed at the meeting.	Secretariat team
13	The Secretariat team to enquire whether Professor Jonathan Shepherd from Cardiff University has data supporting his written submission that could assist the Commission.	Secretariat team

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14	Juliet Lyon to contact the Dutch and Finnish embassies regarding a meeting to explore their respective experiences of domestic criminal justice and prison policies.	Juliet Lyon
15	Juliet Lyon to consider with the other Commissioners and the Secretariat team the questions, timing, location and contributors for the proposed international seminar.	Juliet Lyon
16	The Secretariat team to prepare and submit an article on the Commission for the next edition of the Judicial College Wales e-newsletter.	Secretariat team
17	The Secretariat team to continue to engage with the Law Society regarding the proposed seminars on 16 July.	Secretariat team
18	The Secretariat team to finalise arrangements for the residential meeting in Swansea.	Secretariat team