UKSC Board

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 24 June 2025

Venue: Meeting Room 5, UKSC

Attendees: Iain Lanaghan -Non-Executive Director (Chair)
Julie Nerney - Non-Executive Director
Jane Furniss – Non- Executive Director
Vicky Fox – Chief Executive Officer
Sam Clark – Director of Corporate Services
Celia Cave – Registrar
Board Secretary

Apologies: Paul Strang – Finance Director.

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Apologies

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Board.

2. Apologies were received from the Finance Director.

Agenda Item 2: Declaration of Interests

3. No declarations were made.

Agenda Item 3: Minutes and Action Log

4. The minutes of the last meeting were discussed and agreed.

Agenda item 4 - Operational Overview and Performance

5. The Board noted the Spending Review settlement. The contributions toward securing that outcome from the Director of Corporate Services, Finance Director and the independent ARAC member from Northern Ireland were recognised. It was noted HM Treasury had acknowledged the quality and openness of Court's engagement and that serious consideration had been given to savings options.

6. The Board considered the performance of the Court since the last meeting. It noted that a review of artwork in the building; capital works were being carried out across the building; and that improvements had been made to the infrastructure by IT. The Board noted plans are in place for next year to review the vision and values and to sit outside of London.

7. The Board discussed international work and noted that the Court worked closely with stakeholders in other government departments.

Agenda item 5 – Risk Register

8. The Board reviewed the risk register and noted continued improvements in risk management following the GIAA audit.

Agenda item 6 – Spending Review

9. The Director of Corporate Services provided an overview of the outcome of the Spending Review and the Court's engagement with HM Treasury.

10. The Board noted material financial risks that would need to be monitored over the SR period.

11. The Board recognised and thanked the Finance Director and his team for hard work in pulling together such a compelling bid document for HM Treasury.

Agenda item 7 – Registry- Performance metrics

12. The Registrar introduced proposals for revised Registry performance reporting. This was with a view to agree the appropriate metrics for internal and external reporting, and the most helpful way to present the data. The update is due to the introduction of the new Case Management System to ensure that the Court reports on the service it provides and ensure users receive an excellent service. The updated Key Performance Indicators (KPI) were due to be delivered by October 2025.

13. The Board agreed with the proposed KPIs.

Agenda item 8 – Strategic Priority Deep Dive: Providing a world class service.

14. This was introduced by the CEO; it assessed the extent to which the Court has delivered on providing a world class service during 2024/25 and invited feedback for 2025/26 and beyond. It is a wide- ranging priority that included supporting the Justices and their work, providing an excellent service to Court users, welcoming visitors to the Court and our education and outreach programme.

15. The Board agreed that providing a world class service will likely remain a priority for the Court and encouraged the administration to look at ways of measuring the impact of its work under this priority.

Agenda item 9 – Board and Committee updates.

16. The Chair summarised the Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee (ARAC) meeting held on 19 May which included the financial position, the Court's approach to risk and the draft Annual Report and Accounts:

Agenda item 10 – Terms of Reference – UKSC Board

17. The Board approved the Terms of Reference for 2025/26 with some minor amendments.

Agenda item 11 – Action Log

18. The Board discussed the action log.

Agenda item 12 – Any Other Business.

19. There was no other business.

Agenda item 13 - Board effectiveness review

20. Board members discussed the meeting's effectiveness.

The date of next UKSC Board meeting – Tuesday 30 September 2025.