



MINUTES

Strategic Board

Thursday 28 January 2010
Conference Room, Parliament House, Edinburgh

Members Present

Eleanor Emberson (Chair)
Neil Rennick
Gordon Wales
Nicola Bennett
Sheriff Principal E F Bowen QC
Sheriff R Dickson

Chief Executive
Director of Policy and Strategy
Director of Operational Support
Director of Finance
Non-Executive Director
Non-Executive Director

Also Present

Susan Whiteford
Margaret Peattie

Head of Corporate Communications
Secretariat Business Manager (Minutes)

Apologies for absence:

The Rt Hon Lord Reed
Dugald Mackie
Eric McQueen
Bridget Campbell
Johan Findlay JP

Non-Executive Director
Non-Executive Director
Director of Field Services
Non-Executive Director
Non-Executive Director

The Chair welcomed everyone noting that this would be the last meeting of the Strategic Board. She thanked all members present and those unable to attend for all the work they had done and the contribution each had made to what was a very powerful decision taking forum for the organisation.

1. Minutes of the meeting of 10 December 2009 (SB/Dec/09/Mins)

1.1 The Minutes were approved.

2. Matters not arising elsewhere

2.1 Action points from the last meeting were cleared.

3. Declarations of interest

3.1 The register of declarations of interest had been updated.

4. Handover of Business to the new SCS Board

4.1 Neil Rennick summarised the SWOT analysis, which had been prepared for presentation to the new SCS Board, and the content was discussed and agreed.

4.2 Members of the SCS Board were then invited to join the meeting.

4.3 Neil Rennick led the presentation to the new Board and invited its members to ask questions on any points arising during the session. By way of providing background to the summarised SWOT analysis, discussions took place in relation to:

- staff development and the People Strategy;
- identifying costs associated with different areas of the SCS business;
- the Estates Strategy and the challenges associated with managing a diverse court estate;
- the allocation of budgets and fixed costs associated with pay and estates; and
- engagement with other organisations in the justice sector and other parts of the Scottish Government.

4.4 Following the presentation, the Lord President, thanked the Strategic Board for providing an insight into what lay ahead for the new SCS Board. He underlined the importance of the work done by the Strategic Board and recognised the contribution made by both the Executive and Non Executive members.

Signed:

Chair

Date: