

## **Minutes of the 64th meeting of the Migration Advisory Committee on 9 May 2014**

**Chair:** Professor Sir David Metcalf CBE

**Attending:** Dr Jennifer Smith  
Professor Jonathan Wadsworth  
Professor Jackline Wahba  
MAC Secretariat

**Apologies:** Dr Martin Ruhs  
Lesley Giles  
John Thompson (Home Office)

### **Agenda item 1 - Welcome and introductions**

1. Apologies were received from Martin Ruhs, Lesley Giles and John Thompson.

### **Agenda item 2 – Minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2014**

2. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

### **Agenda item 3 – MAC secretariat policy update – oral item**

3. Tim Harrison gave the update on behalf of the MAC secretariat focussing on possible future commissions for the MAC. He said that proposals had gone to Ministers and commissions would be announced in due course. Following some clarification on a couple of issues, the Committee agreed that it was content with the proposals.

### **Agenda item 4 - Paper 64.1: Update on the review of migrant employment in low-skilled work including updated draft chapters of report**

4. Paper 64.1 was used to introduce draft Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 of the report along with Chapter 7 which was tabled at the meeting. The relevant chapter author from the secretariat talked the Committee through each of the chapters and the Committee asked for changes to be made to the structure and drafting of some of the chapters. In particular, the Committee asked that the focus over the last few weeks of drafting be on sharpening up the narrative rather than the information that was already within the report. The secretariat were asked to include a bit more description of those figures and tables that were of especial significance to the narrative.
5. The secretariat undertook to provide updated drafts of these chapters incorporating Committee changes, along with drafts of Chapters 1 and

2 and the report's annexes, to the Committee by Friday 16 May. Chapter 10 would be sent to the Committee by Tuesday 20 May and the Committee will review the final report at its meeting on 23 May.

**Agenda item 5 – MAC future work programme**

6. This agenda item was covered during the secretariat oral update.

**Agenda item 6 - Any other business**

7. There was no other business.

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