

Minutes of the 76th meeting of the Migration Advisory Committee on 24th July 2015

Chair: Professor Jonathan Wadsworth

Attending: Dr Jennifer Smith
Professor Jackline Wahba
Professor Alan Manning
John Thompson (Home Office)
Lesley Giles
MAC Secretariat

Apologies: Professor Sir David Metcalf CBE

Agenda item 1 - Welcome and introductions

1. There were apologies from Professor Sir David Metcalf CBE.
2. The Chair welcomed Caroline O'Loughlin and William Earl to their first MAC meeting. Caroline has joined the MAC secretariat as a summer intern from Exeter University and William was shadowing his father, Stephen Earl.

Agenda item 2 – Minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2015

3. The MAC agreed the minutes for the June meeting.

Agenda item 3 – MAC, Home Office and MAC secretariat updates – oral item

4. John Thompson gave an update on behalf of the Home Office about the most recent net migration statistics and the progress of the immigration task force.
5. Tim Harrison gave an update on behalf of the MAC Secretariat. Tim talked about the press conference for the Tier 2 salary thresholds review and the review of the MAC members. Stephen informed everyone about the event in Scotland that he and Tim attended, where they met with universities, the Scottish Government and other public sector organisations to talk about the entrepreneur commission.

Agenda item 4 – Paper 76.1: Update on the entrepreneur commission

6. Tim updated the Committee on the progress of the entrepreneur commission. A first draft of chapter 4 and detailed outlines of chapters 5-7 were given to the committee, who were invited to remark on its content and structure.

7. Further drafts of all chapters are expected to be ready for the next MAC meeting on 11th September.

Agenda item 5– Paper 76.2: Update on the Tier 2 review

8. Anna Lacey updated the MAC on the Tier 2 commission. The first part of the Tier 2 review, on salary thresholds has gone to ministers and is due to be released publically in coming weeks. Final amendments of this report were discussed.
9. Anna then introduced the second part of the review, the wider Tier 2 report. The call for evidence has been opened and will end on Friday 25th September. It is expected that interest in this report will be high.
10. MAC champions for each chapter of the wider Tier 2 review were discussed and committee members were invited to choose chapters they would like to lead on. The general structure and analysis of the wider Tier 2 review was then discussed in detail.
11. Stephen spoke about partner engagement for the Tier 2 review and the Committee were encouraged to attend these upcoming partner meetings where possible.

Agenda item 6 – Any other business

12. There was no other business.