

Minutes of the 77th meeting of the Migration Advisory Committee on 11 September 2015

Chair: Professor Sir David Metcalf CBE

**Attending: Professor Alan Manning
Dr Jennifer Smith
Professor Jackline Wahba
Professor Jonathan Wadsworth
Lesley Giles
Ragnar Clifford (Home Office)
MAC Secretariat**

Apologies: John Thompson (Home Office)

Agenda item 1 - Welcome and introductions

1. There were apologies from John Thompson. Ragnar Clifford represented the Home Office at the meeting.
2. The Chair welcomed Emily Fowler to her first MAC meeting. Emily has joined the MAC secretariat as a placement student.

Agenda item 2 – Minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2015

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

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

4. Ragnar Clifford gave the update on behalf of the Home Office covering the most recent net migration figures and Tier 2 refusals for August and the impact of the Tier 2 cap being reached.
5. Tim Harrison, on behalf of the MAC Secretariat, updated the meeting about appointments to the MAC.
6. David Metcalf gave an update on proposed future commissions and work plan for the MAC.

Agenda item 4 – Update on Entrepreneur commission

7. Ciaran Devlin then updated the Committee on progress with the Entrepreneur commission and thanked the MAC members for their input so far. The deadline for completion of the report is 30 September 2015.

8. Drafts of all the report's chapters were made available to the MAC who were asked to make drafting comments by correspondence. The meeting discussed Chapter 8 of the report which sets out the Committee's findings and recommendations. The Committee asked for some changes to the draft before they look at it again during September.
9. A further draft of the report will be produced for the MAC for final comments prior to publication.

Agenda item 5– Paper 77.1: Update on the Tier 2 review

10. Anna Lacey introduced a paper on the MAC commission to review Tier 2. The paper provided an update on the meetings attended to date and forthcoming meetings and events with corporate partners, including a summary of the views that have been expressed so far.
11. Chapter outlines were circulated to the MAC members detailing key questions and proposed analysis. MAC members were invited to comment on these before 25 September 2015.

Agenda item 6 – MAC Annual Report 2014 - 2015

12. Stephen Earl introduced the MAC annual report, detailing the MAC's activities between April 2014 and April 2015. The MAC were given the opportunity to comment on the on the report.

Agenda item 7 – Any other business

13. The MAC agreed that its commissioned migration forecasting report was ready to be published as soon as possible.