



## **UKSC MANCHESTER USER GROUP MEETING**

**NOTE OF THE UKSC USER GROUP MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8  
MARCH 2023 AT 6PM IN THE EVENT SUITE AT THE MANCHESTER CIVIL  
JUSTICE CENTRE**

### **PRESENT**

Lord Hodge	UK Supreme Court
Vicky Fox	UK Supreme Court
Laura Angus	UK Supreme Court
David Allan KC	Byrom Street Chambers
Oliver Caplan	18 St John Street Chambers
Glynis Craig	Independent Office for Police Conduct
Charles Feeny	Complete Counsel Chambers
Winston Hunter KC	Byrom Street Chambers
Christopher McNall	18 St John Street Chambers
Christopher Melton KC	Byrom Street Chambers
James Parks	18 St John Street Chambers
HHJ Richard Pearce	Judge, Manchester District Registry
Cloe Pugh	Equality and Human Rights Commission
Victoria Roberts	18 St John Street Chambers
Lauren Sutherland KC	Byrom Street Chambers

### **AGENDA ITEM 1 – WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Lord Hodge welcomed attendees to the Manchester User Group meeting and explained the reasoning behind the sittings in Manchester. It was the first sitting of the UK Supreme Court outside of London that was not in a Capital City, and part of the Court's outreach to reflect that it is a UK-wide Court. The sittings had been very well attended and the Justices had educational and outreach events with students.

### **AGENDA ITEM 2 – CHANGE PROGRAMME AND REGISTRY**

Laura Angus introduced the Court's Change Programme, which is a root and branch transformation to update processes and use technology to deliver the Court's vision for the future. The changes that users will see in the long term will be automated filing of applications, an online case management area for parties to use and an online 'case tracker' for everyone interested in

following a case's progression through the Court. Vicky Fox confirmed that court users will be kept informed of the changes throughout the programme, and invited to test new products as they are developed. Attendees gave their feedback on their experience of e-filing in other courts and what their current experiences with filing at the Registry are, and how this can be usefully built into the UKSC's Change Programme. Laura Angus confirmed that the Rules and Practice Directions will need to be updated to reflect the changes to e-filing, and that there will be consultation with courts users as early as possible about this.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS/FEEDBACK**

Several attendees expressed an interest in appellate advocacy training by Justices. Lord Hodge indicated that he would be willing to give a lecture on appellate advocacy. There was a question about how appeals are listed in the Supreme Court. Lord Hodge confirmed that parties may make a written case for expedition that will be considered by Justices and genuinely urgent appeals can always be accommodated in the list. Laura Angus confirmed that non-urgent appeals will usually be listed to counsels' availability (where possible) within the offered listing window.

### **CLOSE**

Lord Hodge thanked attendees for joining the user group meeting, and for the very warm welcome the Court had received in Manchester.