



THE ADMINISTRATIVE COURT IN LEEDS

Administrative Court (North East) Leeds ('ACL')

User Group Meeting

Tuesday 26/07/2022

Approved Minutes

In attendance:

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| Mr Justice Fordham (Liaison Judge) [MF] | HHJ Belcher [PB] |
| Dominique Cole (ACL) [DC] | HHJ Kramer [PK] |
| Noeleen Connelly (ACL) [NC] | Morgan Reid (Park Sq Chambers) [MR] |
| Martin Lee (ACL) [ML] | Charlotte Davies (Capsticks) [CD] |
| Jessica Turner (HMCTS) [JT] | Harry Frost (Social Work England) [HF] |
| Melanie Malcolm (Leeds CC) [MM] | Zaira Nunes (Bhatia Best) [ZN] |
| Shemuel Sheikh (Kings Chambers) [SS] | Beth Kelly (Irwin Mitchell) [BK] |
| Laura Power (Eversheds) [LP] | |

Apologies received from:

Matt Savage (Haighs Law)
Benjamin Haigh (Haighs Law)
Debbie Heath (Instalaw)
Tim Ross (Roythornes)
Constanza Bell (Kings Chambers)
Harriett Quiney (DWF Law)
Claire Petricca Riding (Irwin Mitchell)

1. Introduction

MF welcomed participants to the 2nd User Group Meeting since the relaunch of the Group, indicating that the format for the meeting would follow the Agenda with the promise to keep meetings short. As indicated at the last meeting, the Administrative Court ticketed Judges had been invited. He welcomed Leeds-based Judge, PB and from Newcastle-based Judge, PK.

2. Matters arising from the meeting held on 17/05/2022

MF indicated that there had been a development relating to a topic discussed at the previous meeting (item 3b) on timing of venue decisions: *Ellis* [2022] – see *link on the Agenda below*. The NALA Re-launch seminar (AOB item) had taken place on

13/04/2022 and a recording of the event was available online - see *link on the Agenda below*

3. Discussion Topics

No topics for discussion had been notified in advance.

4. Any Other Business

PB explained that, for the Judges, the real benefit of UGMs was to get feedback and or comments about how we are handling matters.

PK indicated that he was aware of a pending case which had been identified which would be suitable, if possible, to be heard in a Newcastle courtroom (where the parties were located). MF indicated that he was aware of another case (Porky Pint [2022] EWHC 1705 (Admin)) where the Venue Determination indicated that steps would be taken with a view to it being heard in a Teesside courtroom if possible. Any such cases would continue to be managed from the Leeds Administrative Court Office.

MF also mentioned the prospect of a Divisional Court sitting at ACL. PB noted that this has occurred in the past.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting would be arranged in the autumn for next term. In the meantime, should matters arise, users are invited to contact the office or the Judge via his clerk.

Minutes :Martin Lee
(approved by Fordham J)

ANNEX: Agenda

User Group Meeting (UGM)
Tuesday 26.7.2022 4.45pm by MS Teams
AGENDA

1. Introduction
2. Matters arising from minutes of meeting 17.5.2022
3. Discussion topics
4. AOB
5. Date of next ACL:UGM

Notes:

- The ACL team is: Martin Lee (Lawyer), Noeleen Conneely (Team Leader), Dominique Cole (Team Members). The ACL email address is: leeds@administrativecourtoffice.justice.gov.uk
- The Judges who regularly sit in the ACL are: HHJ Penelope Belcher; HHJ Malcolm Davis-White QC; HHJ Mark Gosnell; HHJ Siobhan Kelly; HHJ Jonathan Klein; HHJ Philip Kramer; HHJ Claire Jackson; Biographies can be found at: [Judge Biographies](#)
- The Liaison Judge (Fordham J) is scheduled to be sitting at ACL 5.10.22 - 21.10.22. He is contactable via his clerk: Jessica.Turner1@justice.gov.uk
- Materials for information
 - [Admin Court Information for Court Users June 2022](#)
 - [Practice Guidance on remote observation of hearings](#)
 - [Fordham J "practical tips" talk at the NALA relaunch 13.6.22: video](#)
 - Prompt Venue Determination: [Ellis \[2022\] EWHC 1263 §§3-5](#)