

AGENDA 5pm

PART A

1. **Apologies**
2. **Approval of Minutes** of the Meeting 25th April 2024 FOR APPROVAL

3. **Matters arising**

4. **Election of Branch Secretary** **FOR ELECTION**

Nomination received AB

“I have some relevant experience before working in the law, as Branch Secretary for the white-collar SATA section of USDAW from 1990-5 at Littlewoods Stores & Mail Order Head Office in Liverpool. We grew from 300 to 700 members. Some of the health & safety issues USDAW faced are similar to ours, such as protection from attack from the public, and proper arrangement for members using computers. I was delegate to national USDAW and TUC conferences, and represented at national negotiations, sometimes with colleagues from an APEX/ GMB branch.”

Further nominations may be received from the floor

5. **President’s report** **FOR INFORMATION** CG

Inter alia correspondence with LCJ re: Defects in disciplinary process (draft letter circulated) ; Meeting with and expressions of Support from MoJ and HMCTS colleagues, consultation on MoJ Policy Violence and Aggression at Work , inclusive of judiciary; working together towards Judicial Branch recognition

6. **London Weighting** **FOR DEBATE** **DH**

Issue to be raised by letter, draft “ Our members have drawn to our attention a concerning situation relating to the current policy on when London Weighting is payable. It seems to us that there is no definitive policy and that any policy that is used is applied in an arbitrary fashion. A quick Google search shows that the Civil Service London weighting was paid to civil servants whose permanent place of work was within five miles of Charing Cross (Inner London Weighting) and between five and 18 miles from Charing Cross (Outer London) and we believe that approach has been improperly employed for Judges by some members of Judicial HR. On other occasions, a paper document has been referred to and provided, which lists a number of venues that attract London weighting, but also refers to a secondary

list held elsewhere outside of that policy. The result is that there appears to be no fair, consistent and accessible policy on this matter. We would be grateful to hear your comments on this and would expect to be consulted in the drafting of a fresh, reliable and fair policy.”
DH

7. Policy

7.1 Membership “Is the GMB judicial branch also open to other JOH’s?”

DH

7.2 “This Meeting approves and directs that the Committee shall actively seek to engage with both the Government and the Loyal Opposition in relation to post-election planning for involving the Union Branch in consultation and policy formation of relevance to members and to the Rule of Law.”

FOR DECISION

8. Protesting chair of JAC

9. JCIO Complaint – improper behaviour in JAC Exercise

Additional Complaint concerning JAC and JO conduct, JCIO disposal and “Independent Assessors” in Complaint 2824. Should this branch adopt a proposed complaint concerning the conduct of the two Independent Assessors used by Mr Justice Picken in his application for a Court of Appeal appointment, in which it was established the applicant had extensively amended his own reference

10. Communications – gmb ACTIVIST ACCOUNT; gmb WEBSITE ALLOCATION see example <https://www.gmb-southern.org.uk/campaigns/retired-members-association> CG

11. Nauru Declaration

This Branch welcomes the UNODC Declaration on Integrity and Judicial Well-being , to safeguard and promote the values set out in the Bangalore Principles

Schedule of Meetings for 2024 Quarterly Branch Meeting 24 October 2024; further dates tbf please today

Meeting in person has been mooted

PART B

Branch Confidential

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