

SRA BOARD**CLASSIFICATION – PUBLIC****SOLICITORS REGULATION AUTHORITY
Minutes of the SRA Board meeting
held on 22 February 2021 at 13.00 by Microsoft Teams**

Subject to final approval by the SRA Board at its meeting on 9 March 2021

Present: Anna Bradley (Chair)
Ann Harrison
Peter Higson
Paul Loft
Dermot Nolan
Geoff Nicholas
Liz Smart
Tony Williams

In attendance: Paul Philip, Robert Loughlin, Jane Malcolm, Juliet Oliver, Liz Rosser, Tracy Vegro, Dominic Tambling

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1 The Chair welcomed Board members to the meeting which had been organised at short notice to update the Board on negotiations on the lease for The Cube in Birmingham which had been discussed at its previous meeting on 26 January 2021. Apologies had been received from Barry Matthews, Vikas Shah and Selina Ullah. Barry Matthews had indicated his agreement to the proposed course of action in advance of the meeting.

2 LEASE UPDATE

- 2.1 At the Board's January meeting it was agreed that the Executive would enter into negotiations with the landlord of The Cube through Knight Frank. The aim being to remain in The Cube in Birmingham on a renegotiated lease with appropriate break clauses and reduced floor space, from two and a half to one and a half floors.
- 2.2 The Board received an update on negotiations and confirmed that the current position was in line with the previous decision by and delegation from the Board. The Board supported the Executive's intention to move towards agreement on the basis of the position reached in the negotiation. As a result, no further formal Board decision was necessary.
- 2.3 Following further discussion the Board also agreed that, if between today and the last day at which notice could be given on the existing lease (Friday 26 February 2021) the landlord's position changed and the Executive (in consultation with the Board Chair) considered it necessary to serve notice on the 11th and 12th floors, then it should do so.
- 2.4 The Board noted the agent's advice concerning the guarantee, agreed this position and that this advice should be shared with the Law Society.



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NB: as there was not lay majority of members at the meeting the decision at 2.4 above was subsequently ratified by those members who were not present.

2.5 There was no other business. The next meeting would be held on 9 March 2021.