



## **Minutes of the Bar Council's Annual General Meeting held on Friday 25 September 2015 at the Bar Council offices**

Present:                      Alistair MacDonald QC                      Chairman

The original date for the AGM was 19 September 2015; in the event, fewer than 60 subscribers<sup>1</sup> attended in total. In line with the Constitution, after 15 minutes the meeting was recognised as being inquorate and attendees were advised that a further AGM would be arranged to take place shortly. A further notice of AGM was issued on 22 September 2015, setting the date for the rearranged AGM as 25 September at 11.00. The agenda for the rearranged AGM would remain as for the original meeting<sup>2</sup>. At the meeting on 19 September, it was agreed between those present that although the meeting was not quorate, the Chairman, Treasurer and Chief Executive's statements would be delivered for the benefit of those who may not be able to attend the adjourned meeting. Minutes were taken. Those minutes<sup>3</sup> were presented at the rescheduled meeting in lieu of oral statements being given.

### **1. Chairman's address**

The Chairman opened the meeting in the presence of four other subscribers. In line with the Constitution, the Chairman delayed the start of the meeting for quarter of an hour, to allow time for quorum to be met. At 11.15, the number of subscribers present remained at five (including the Chairman). This number therefore constituted a quorum<sup>4</sup>, and the meeting progressed.

The Chairman referred to his statement as given in the minutes of the meeting held in lieu of an AGM on 19 September. There were no questions.

### **2. Treasurer's report**

The Chairman referred to the Treasurer's statement as given in the minutes of the meeting held in lieu of an AGM on 19 September. There were no questions.

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<sup>1</sup> 'Subscriber' is defined in Part I of the Bar Council Constitution: "For the purpose of attendance and entitlement to vote at the Annual General Meeting, 'subscriber' shall mean also any unregistered barrister whose voluntary subscription to the Bar Council is paid up to date"

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.barcouncil.org.uk/media/389278/150919\\_agm\\_agenda.pdf](http://www.barcouncil.org.uk/media/389278/150919_agm_agenda.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.barcouncil.org.uk/media/391721/150919\\_agm\\_minutes\\_final.pdf](http://www.barcouncil.org.uk/media/391721/150919_agm_minutes_final.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> Bar Council Constitution, Schedule III, part 4: "...and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum be not present within a quarter of an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, those persons who are present shall constitute a quorum".

### **3. Chief Executive's report**

The Chairman referred to the Chief Executive's statement as given in the minutes of the meeting held in lieu of an AGM on 19 September. There were no questions.

### **4. Any other business**

There was no other business and no resolutions were proposed.

The Chairman closed the meeting.

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