

Civil Procedure Rule Committee: Annual open meeting 13 May 2022

News story

Are you interested in observing the rule making process?



The open meeting of the Civil Procedure Rule Committee will take place on the above date via Microsoft Teams.

Guests will be observers only and not be able to participate in the Committee's business or contribute to items in the agenda. However, there will be an opportunity at the end of the meeting for guests to ask pre-submitted questions to the Committee.

Attendance

Due to limitations with the conferencing software, space is limited and all those that apply may not be invited, so we are asking potential guests to complete a short [application form](#) (MS Word Document, 28.2 KB) and return it by 4pm on Monday 4th April 2022 to the secretariat at the following email address:-

Email: CPRC@justice.gov.uk

Applications to attend close on 4 April 2022 at 4pm

Format of the meeting

The nature of the Committee's work means that, at the time of this announcement, we cannot confirm the topics that will be under discussion, however, an agenda will be available for the meeting.

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Call for businesses to share experiences of supporting LGBT staff

Today (Friday 18 March) the Government's LGBT Business Champion, Iain Anderson, is calling on global and UK employers to share their stories of making workplaces welcoming for LGBT staff.

Ahead of the UK's '[Safe To Be Me](#)' Conference this Summer, the call for submissions will seek to find examples of workplace inclusion and advocacy from around the world. With global businesses to be asked for examples of how employers can support staff in countries where LGBT people routinely face discrimination.

Iain Anderson, LGBT+ Business Champion, said:

"I've been listening to inclusive and socially responsive businesses and hearing some of the great work that is already being done to ensure LGBT people feel welcome at work.

"Today I'm launching this call for engagement to draw together examples of what works for companies and their LGBT employees. We know that it's not just about doing the right thing – inclusive businesses are also more successful, boosting their profits, and our economy.

"Ahead of the Safe To Be Me Conference, I want to shine a light on the great work so many companies are doing to ensure their employees feel they can be themselves."

Iain Anderson was appointed to the role of HMG LGBT Business Champion in September 2021 with a mission statement to drive forward workplace equality for LGBT people.

Since his appointment, Anderson has been meeting with businesses and stakeholders across the country, collecting evidence on how to promote LGBT equality at work. To further this work he has decided to broaden the search for best practice, incorporating some of the best international practice into his work.

Last November he also hosted an event in Manchester, bringing together businesses and civil society organisations such as Google, Asos and Auto Trader, to discuss how to support people to be themselves at work. Anderson will also encourage businesses to network and advise each other as they seek to provide the best possible support to LGBT staff.

Further info:

We want to hear from employers of all sizes based in the UK and abroad. Those

that wish to participate can [fill in the call to engage](#).

The call is to seek practical examples and not to gather responses of personal experience. Please do not submit responses containing personal or identifiable information.

Programme and Project Partners announce winners of third multi-million pound framework

Innovation in awarding long-term work packages is continuing at the Sellafield site, with the Programme and Project Partners appointing its next partners to support transformation and a lasting legacy for future generations.

The partners have appointed Balfour Beatty Kilpatrick and Doosan Babcock to deliver the mechanical and pipework requirement, through a framework agreement worth £112 to £237 million, over the life of the programme.

The mechanical and pipework package is the third key delivery partner framework to be awarded by the partners as part of a major programme spanning the next 18 years.

The framework has been procured under a new multi project procurement model which encourages long-term collaboration throughout the supply chain, enhanced project delivery, and paves the way for greater economic and social impact in the West Cumbria region.

This new model will see the appointment of key delivery partners to deliver work packages covering everything from building fit out, groundworks and general civils to steelwork and cladding.

Will Smith, managing director, Balfour Beatty Kilpatrick, said:

Utilising our expert capabilities and collaborative delivery approach, Balfour Beatty Kilpatrick is perfectly positioned to deliver the latest mechanical and pipework framework at Sellafield.

Having now been appointed to the third Programme and Project Partners' framework, we have cemented our status as a key delivery partner; through which we will continue to deliver a lasting positive legacy across the region.

Cameron Gilmour, vice president for nuclear and defence, Doosan Babcock,

said:

The 18-year framework provides a unique opportunity to build upon our site-delivery and expertise heritage at Sellafield and provide further value to the local West Cumbrian area.

Programme and Project Partner head of supply chain Peter Hogg added:

We are delighted to have confirmed our third long-term work partnership. I'm confident that these 2 companies will bring positive innovations and value to our projects.

They will also be working closely with small and medium-sized enterprises within these frameworks to ensure enhanced project delivery, and increased social impact and economic benefits for our communities.

The Programme and Project Partners awarded its first long-term framework for [heating, ventilation, and air conditioning work](#) to Balfour Beatty Kilpatrick and EJ Parker and the second long-term framework for [electrical and instrumentation](#) to Balfour Beatty Kilpatrick and NG Bailey.

As part of its pioneering approach to project delivery and local impact, the partners have engaged with the 'Swimming with the Big Fish small and medium-sized enterprise matchmaker service', which brokers introductions and develops relationships between those bidding to become key delivery partners and high performing small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) willing to invest in West Cumbria.

These SMEs plan to create additional jobs, recruit apprentices and invest to expand/create new facilities in the West Cumbria as a result of the work they do with their respective key delivery partners.

The Programme and Project Partnership is made up of lot partners:

- KBR (integration partner)
- Jacobs (design and engineering partner)
- Morgan Sindall Infrastructure (civils construction management partner)
- Doosan Babcock Ltd (process construction management partner)

Sellafield Ltd is the 5th partner.

HMRC late payment interest rates to be revised after Bank of England increases base rate

News story

HMRC interest rates for late payments will be revised following the Bank of England interest rate rise to 0.75%.



The Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee voted on 17 March 2022 to increase the Bank of England base rate to 0.75% from 0.50%.

HMRC interest rates are linked to the Bank of England base rate.

As a consequence of the change in the base rate, HMRC interest rates for the late payment will increase.

These changes will come into effect on:

- 28 March 2022 for quarterly instalment payments
- 5 April 2022 for non-quarterly instalments payments

The repayment interest rate will remain at 0.5%. The repayment rate is set at Bank Rate minus 1%, with a 0.5% lower limit.

[Information on the interest rates for payments](#) will be updated shortly.

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A level playing field – all pupils entitled to high-quality PE

News story

Ofsted has published the latest in a series of reviews into different subjects across the curriculum. Today's review looks at physical education (PE).



The review draws on a range of sources, including our education inspection framework (EIF) and other literature, to identify factors that can contribute to a high-quality PE curriculum, assessment, pedagogy and systems. We will use this understanding of subject quality to examine how PE is taught in England's schools, before publishing a subject report to share what we have learned.

High-quality PE is an entitlement for all pupils, regardless of their starting points or prior experiences of sport and physical activity. The national curriculum for PE aims to ensure that all pupils are physically active for sustained periods of time and develop the competence to excel in a broad range of physical activities. This may encourage them to engage in competitive sports and activities, and to lead healthy, active lives.

To meet these aims, today's review highlights the importance of building firm foundations in fundamental motor skills, as well as providing pupils with high quality instruction, practise and feedback.

A strong PE curriculum should clearly state what it means to get better at PE. Pupils should learn increasingly intelligent movement and important knowledge that can reduce barriers to participation and inform their own healthy, active lifestyle choices. While Ofsted recognises that there is no single way of achieving high-quality PE, our review finds that high-quality provision may have the following features:

- Teachers know that PE includes clearly defined knowledge that can usefully be categorised as either declarative or procedural.
- Leaders and teachers have thought carefully about what it is to know

more and do more in PE. This understanding is informed by the national curriculum's aims, and component knowledge has been identified to develop pupils' competence.

- A strong foundation is built on fundamental movement skills (FMS), starting in the early years and developed through transitional activities into more specialised sport and physical activity.
- Teachers make sure that pupils' movement is not only efficient and effective but intelligent and context-related. They ensure pupils have knowledge of rules, strategies and tactics in order to guide successful movement
- Leaders and teachers select physical activities and sports based on their capacity to develop pupils' competence in PE. They identify key concepts to teach and build pupils' understanding incrementally.
- The PE curriculum meets the needs of all pupils, including those with special education needs and/or disabilities (SEND). All pupils feel included and able to succeed within the subject.
- Pupils are supported to know more and do more All pupils benefit from high-quality instruction, practise and feedback.
- Assessment approaches should identify the knowledge pupils have and have not acquired.
- Teachers of PE have high levels of subject and pedagogical knowledge.

Her Majesty's Chief Inspector, Amanda Spielman said:

For many pupils, those two hours of school PE each week are their only structured physical activity. An ambitious PE curriculum levels the playing field by giving all pupils the benefits of physical activity and sport, despite the advantages that some pupils will have outside the school gates. I hope this review helps raise the quality of PE for all young people.

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