THE SCOTTISH LEGAL AID BOARD MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH LEGAL AID BOARD HELD AT 1,30PM ON MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2009 AT 44 DRUMSHEUGH GARDENS, EDINBURGH

Present: Iain Robertson, Chairman

Ellen Morton Graham Watson David Nicol Graham Bell Susan McPhee Joseph Hughes Elaine Rosie Denise Loney

In attendance: Lindsay Montgomery, Chief Executive

Andrew Menzies, Director of Corporate Services and Accounts

Colin Lancaster, Head of Policy and Development Ian Middleton, Director of Audit and Compliance

Claire Duffy, Assistant Manager, Policy and Development (item 14 only) Hazel Thoms, Project Manager, Policy and Development (item 15 only) Marie-Louise Fox, Legal and Policy Support to the Chief Executive

Stuart Foster, Board Administrator

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Kenneth Ross, Paul McBride, Les Campbell.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests not previously registered in the Register of Board Members' Interests were declared. Susan McPhee and Elaine Rosie declared non-financial interests in relation to the Part V and grant funding aspects of item 15 (Report on Response to Economic Downturn).

3. DRAFT MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON 8 DECEMBER 2008

Subject to summarising the figures provided at item 10 (Trends Analysis) the draft minute of the meeting of 8 December 2008 was approved.

4. MINUTE OF THE LEGAL SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 2008

The minute of the Legal Services Policy Committee held on 15 December 2008 was noted.

5. MINUTE OF THE LEGAL SERVICES CASES COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 2008

The draft minute of the Legal Services Cases Committee held on 15 December 2008 was noted, subject to changes.

6. DRAFT MINUTE OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON 8 DECEMBER 2008

Board minute - 9 February 2008