

GLO Updates to POL Board (April 2016 - March 2018)

31 January 2017 (CEO Report)

Postmaster Litigation

(e) The Group Litigation Order (GLO) came to court on the 26th January. Detailed information will need to be provided for each claimant. The GLO is likely to return to court in the autumn for further procedural directions.

• Project Sparrow

- Application for the dispute to be heard via a 'Group Litigation Order ('GLO') will be heard on Thursday 26 January.
- Post Office will be consenting to the matters being heard under the GLO procedure, although there are a number of aspects of the procedure that need to be agreed.
- We expect that the postmasters will present any outcome as a victory for them. Accordingly we propose to respond positively along the lines that Post Office welcomes the Court's decision that the dispute should be heard under the GLO provisions as this offers the best opportunity for the matters in dispute to be heard and resolved.
- We will update the Board on the outcome following the hearing on Thursday and we will provide a more detailed verbal update at the Board's meeting.

28 March 2017

POLB 17/24

SPARROW UPDATE

- (a) The GC provided a verbal update on Sparrow.
- (b) The GC explained that the group litigation order was heard in January 2017 and the order had been signed in the week beginning 20 March 2017. Accordingly there would be further advertising by Freeths in order to advertise that Postmasters could apply to join the litigation group and therefore it was likely that there would be further adverse press. Postmasters had until the end of June 2017 to apply to join the action.
- (c) The General Particulars of Claim were expected imminently which would set out in more formal terms the legal basis of the Postmasters' claims. Following receipt of that document, Post Office would have until the end of June 2017 to prepare and file its Defence. Subsequently, there would be a case management conference (expected to be in October 2017) at which the Court would determine how the claim should proceed thereafter.
- (d) The GC noted that there was still no quantification of the Postmasters' claims.
- (e) The Board noted the verbal update on Sparrow and thanked the GC.
- (f) The GC left the meeting.

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26 September 2017

POLB 17/68

LITIGATION UPDATE

- (a) The Board received a verbal update on the Postmaster Litigation from the General Counsel, noting that the Case Management Conference would be held on 19 October, and the outcome of the CMC would be directions given by the Court as to the conduct of the case over the next 12-18 months. There were key strategic issues to be decided as to Post Office's preferences for the sequence in which the legal arguments were to be addressed, and Post Office had received legal advice as to the preferred sequence.
- (b) The Board discussed the advice and its implications, and approved the proposed strategy.

23 November 2017

9. GROUP LITIGATION UPDATE (VERBAL)

JM provided an update on the outcome of the Case Management Conference held on 19 October and outlined the dates set for future hearings. She noted that the Judge had indicated that the court dates would not be set by reference to counsel availability. This posed a potential issue for Post Office in relation to the court hearing in November 2018 as the lead counsel may not be available due to another trial, and advised that contingency plans were being developed.

TF left the meeting.

29 January 2018

12.3 Postmaster Litigation Update

JM provided the Board with a verbal update on the Postmaster Litigation noting that there was a procedural hearing scheduled for Friday 2 February. At that hearing the Court would be requested to determine the scope of disclosure required to be given by Post Office to support the trial in November 2018.

The Board **NOTED** the update and **RESOLVED** to establish a sub-committee for the purposes of monitoring the development in and strategy for the litigation. The members of that sub-committee would be the Chairman, Ken McCall and Tom Cooper

(once appointed as a director). **JM was requested to provide the committee members with details of the key dates mandated by the Court so that JM appropriate time could be scheduled for the sub-committee to be briefed.**

27 March 2018

12. POSTMASTER LITIGATION

- 12.1 The Board **NOTED** that the Subcommittee established at the previous meeting had met the previous day and had been updated on the case.
- 12.2 The Board **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the terms of reference for the Postmaster Litigation Subcommittee.