

Message

**From:** Cooper, Tom - UKGI [GRO]  
**on behalf of** Cooper, Tom - UKGI [GRO]  
**Sent:** 06/01/2019 14:17:11  
**To:** Tim Parker [GRO]  
**Subject:** Re: POST OFFICE - GROUP LITIGATION. CONFIDENTIAL AND SUBJECT TO LEGAL PRIVILEGE. DO NOT FORWARD

Thanks Tim

I was a bit surprised by the note. I thought the sub-committee was intended for this kind of thing.

There is some time pressure as I understand it. 3 weeks to appeal from the date the judgement is published. But that should allow enough time I'd have thought both for a decision at Board level and some consultation with BEIS (this shouldn't be onerous given the nature of the decision, but necessary given the profile this has).

For now I'm assuming one side or the other is likely to want to appeal some aspect or other.

Tom

Sent from my iPhone

On 6 Jan 2019, at 13:50, Tim Parker [GRO] wrote:

Tom

Thanks, good break and I hope you have had also. I think the main concern here is that there will be a time constraint, but in any event it is too big a decision not to expressly involve UKGI, and I will take steps to ensure this happens.

Best

Tim

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**From:** Cooper, Tom - UKGI [GRO]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 6, 2019 8:01 pm

**To:** Tim Parker

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Tim

Happy new year. Hope you had a good break.

Has 4.8 in the attachment been agreed with you? If so, we'll need to discuss.

Tom

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**From:** Jane MacLeod [mailto:GRO]  
**Sent:** 21 December 2018 14:05  
**To:** Tim Parker <GRO>; Ken McCall1 <GRO>; Carla Stent <GRO>; Shirine Khoury-Haq <GRO>; Tim.Franklin1 <GRO>; Cooper, Tom - UKGI <GRO>  
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Please find attached a summary of the current status of the Group Litigation, including an update on the hearing of the Common Issues Trial which concluded on 6 December, and the Horizon trial which commences on 11 March.

We anticipate receiving the draft judgment on the Common Issues in mid-late January, however it will be subject to embargo so we will not be able to communicate the outcome widely or in detail during the embargo. We are currently developing the appeal strategy – should that be required, and the paper proposes that any decision to appeal should be taken by the Chairman, CEO and CFOO. We will be briefing UKGI in early January as the proposed appeal strategy, and work is well progressed on the communications strategy.

As ever, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

In the meantime, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy 2019.

Kind regards,

Jane

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