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On 18 September I informed members I had decided to establish a Commission on Justice in Wales that would be chaired by Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd when he stepped down in October from his responsibilities as Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales; and would provide members with details of the Commission's membership and terms of reference later in the autumn.

I am pleased to announce the other members of the Commission and its terms of reference as follows:

Membership

Simon Davies
Professor Elwen Evans QC
Dr Nerys Llewelyn Jones
Juliet Lyon CBE
Sarah Payne CBE
Professor Rick Rawlings
Peter Vaughan QPM CStJ DL
Sir Wyn Williams

Terms of reference

To review the operation of the justice system in Wales and set a long term vision for its future, with a view to:

- promoting better outcomes in terms of access to justice, reducing crime and promoting rehabilitation;

- ensuring that the jurisdictional arrangements and legal education address and reflect the role of justice in the governance and prosperity of Wales as well as distinct issues that arise in Wales;
- promoting the strength and sustainability of the Welsh legal services sector and maximising its contribution to the prosperity of Wales.

It is expected the Commission will begin its work in December and will publish a report of its findings and recommendations during the course of 2019.

A link to the biographical details of the members is attached for information.

<http://gov.wales/docs/legislation/justice/171120-membership-en.pdf>