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New Deputy Director Takes Up Role For Make Justice Work

Make Justice Work – the criminal justice campaign to boost public support for a change in how Britain deals with minor offenders – has significantly enhanced its commitment to change public attitudes, following the appointment of Peter Hand to take up the new role of Deputy Director. Peter started his new role on Monday 23rd April 2012.

Roma Hooper, Founder and Director of Make Justice Work, said “We are delighted to welcome Peter to the team and look forward to the exciting contribution he will make to the campaign. There are many challenges on the horizon, including the Queen’s Speech next month and later in the year the election of Police and Crime Commissioners in England and Wales. It is vitally important that Make Justice Work continues to be an effective voice and influences both Government and the wider public debate to change how we deal with minor offenders.”

Peter Hand added, “I am delighted to take up this new appointment and look forward to working with Roma and the rest of team at Make Justice Work to help raise public awareness of the pointlessness and expense of locking up low-level offenders. There will be many opportunities to make the case for community alternatives to custody and I look forward to the challenge ahead.”

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Notes to Editors:

About Make Justice Work - Make Justice Work (MJW) is a campaign to boost public support for a change in how Britain deals with minor offenders – a switch from expensive and futile short prison terms to intensive and effective sanctions. The organisation was launched in 2009 by the Director and Founder of MJW - Roma Hooper - as a campaign to highlight the cost of short-term prison sentences and to improve public confidence in community sentences. For more information visit:

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About Peter Hand - Peter joined Make Justice Work as Deputy Director in April 2012 and has a background in public affairs, politics and media relations. For nearly three years he worked as the Senior Parliamentary Officer for Mencap, the UK's largest learning disability charity and worked closely with the charity's President, cross bench Peer, The Lord Rix Kt CBE DL.

From 2002 – 2009 he was a Councillor on Bedford Borough Council, during which time he was appointed the Cabinet Member for Sustainability and from 2005 – 2009 he was also a Councillor on Bedfordshire County Council. Professionally, Peter has worked in Parliament as a researcher to an MP, a Media Officer to Members of the European Parliament and in the Press Office at Conservative Central Office.

A photo of Peter Hand is available on request.

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