

Strategy Development: Next Steps

Purpose: For decision

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Summary

This paper summarises progress on strategy development so far and the next steps for consultation over the summer.

Recommendations

The Council is asked to agree that we can consult on the basis set out in this paper.

Relevant Regulatory Objectives

All of the regulatory objectives listed below are relevant to the CLC's strategy with the exception that RO3 – *improve access to justice* – is less relevant to the CLC than others in the legal sector as the CLC does not regulate transactional services.

RO1 - protect and promote the public interest

RO2 - support the constitutional principle of the rule of law

RO3 - improve access to justice

RO4 - protect and promote the interests of consumers

RO5 - promote competition in the provision of legal services

RO6 - encourage an independent, strong, diverse and effective legal profession

RO7 - increase public understanding of the citizen's legal rights and duties

RO8 - promote and maintain adherence to the professional principles

Financial impact

The strategy is aimed at improving the CLC's financial position. There are no costs arising directly from the proposals in this paper and the CLC's business plans for the years covered by the finalised strategy, beginning in 2023 will be delivered within budgets to be agreed by Council at the relevant time.

Diversity and inclusion impact

The strategy aims to improve diversity and inclusion in the regulated sector and to enhance workplace D&I. There do not appear to be any disproportionate impacts on protected groups from the strategy itself. The implementation will need to be planned in the light of any potential impacts arising from specific activities.

Communications requirements

A public consultation will be prepared based on Council's decisions. That will need to include a brief and accessible questionnaire to widen engagement with the consultation.