

Continuing Professional Development

Purpose: For Decision

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Summary

This paper sets out proposals for consultation on changes to the CLC's regime to promote ongoing competence in the regulated community through changes to Continuing Professional Development.

Regulatory Objectives

The proposals set out in this paper are intended to support the following regulatory objectives.

RO1 - protect and promote the public interest

RO4 - protect and promote the interests of consumers

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

RO8 - promote and maintain adherence to the professional principles

Recommendations

Council is asked to agree that the CLC should consult on changes to Continuing Professional Development on the basis set out in this paper.

Financial impact

The paper does not commit the CLC to any additional expenditure.

Diversity and Inclusion Impact

There is no negative impact on protected groups from the proposals in this paper. More targeted CPD and tighter expectations around needs for particular roles in firms may help make the appointment and promotion process to key roles in firms more objective and fairer.

Communication Requirements

The consultation will be promoted through the CLC's newsletter, social media channels and PR as well as direct email to managers of regulated entities.