

## Annual Review of Publication Policy

**Purpose:** For decision

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### Summary

This report sets out proposed amendments to the CLC's Publication Policy following discussion at the September Workshop meeting.

### Recommendations

- 1) The Council is asked to agree amendments to the Publication Policy to make clear that
  - a) Individuals may request access to Council Papers in advance of meetings
  - b) Individuals may attend Council Meetings as an observer for specific items
- 2) The Council is also asked to agree that arrangements should be made for an annual open meeting of the Council.

### Relevant Regulatory Objectives

Transparency of decision-making and the work of the CLC in general engages with the following Regulatory Objectives.

RO1 - protect and promote the public interest

RO2 - support the constitutional principle of the rule of law

RO4 - protect and promote the interests of consumers

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

An annual open meeting of the Council will entail some expense. We will aim to minimise this by aligning the meeting with the CLC conference that is planned for Autumn 2022.

### Diversity and inclusion impact

There does not appear to be any impact on diversity and inclusion arising from the proposals in the paper.

### Communications requirements

The revised Publication Policy will be reported to LSB, published on the CLC website and promoted through the CLC's e-newsletter.