

Annual Review of the Publication Policy

Purpose: For Agreement

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Summary

The annual review of the CLC's Publication Policy.

Recommendations

Recommendation 1

Council is asked to agree that Panel decisions should be published immediately following the end of the appeal period and that the duration of publication of Panel decisions or EDN should be calculated from the date of the decision.

Recommendation 2

Council is asked to agree that decision of the Adjudication Panel and EDN should be published on the CLC website for a minimum of 6 years from the date of the decision or for the duration of any suspension, disqualification or any other sanction, whichever is longer.

Recommendation 3

The Council is asked to agree that decisions of the Adjudication Panel and EDN should continue to be published in full subject to the general exemptions in the Publication Policy. In the case of Panel decisions, this includes full publication whether allegations are found proven or not.

Recommendation 4

Council is asked to agree that the CLC website should provide links to GRC and JR decisions relating to the CLC.

Relevant Regulatory Objectives

The CLC's Publication Policy supports progress towards all of the Regulatory Objectives below.

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

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

RO9 - promote the prevention and detection of economic crime

Financial impact

The proposed changes to the Publication Policy have no financial impact on the CLC.

Diversity and inclusion impact

We do not believe that there is any negative impact on any particular group from the proposals in this paper. Openness about the CLC and its work may help to sustain the diversity of the regulated community

Communications requirements

The revised Publication Policy will be published on the CLC website and promoted through the newsletter.