

To:	Legal Services Board	
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Title:	OLC budget 2016/17 – early sight	
LSB Strategy fit	Performance and oversight	
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Summary:

Steve Green (OLC Chair) and Nick Hawkins (OLC CEO) will present this item at the Board meeting. The purpose is to give LSB Board members early sight of OLC's budget principles and numbers for 2016/17.

The LSB will be asked to approve the OLC's 2016/17 budget in March 2016. The OLC will consult stakeholders before finalising its submission to the LSB. Understandably, the OLC also want to give an opportunity for Nick Hawkins (in post from October 2015) and its new Chief Ombudsman (to arrive in January 2016) to shape and own the strategy and business plan, taking into account the outcome of the ongoing governance review it is conducting with MoJ. Therefore, please note that the OLC briefing document attached at Annex A is still work in progress.

Areas LSB Board members may wish to explore with OLC colleagues at this early stage might include:

- How the budget is aligned with the new suite of KPIs that OLC is developing (discussed in the previous item on the Board agenda); e.g. will the new KPIs change the way resources are allocated?
- Nick Hawkins' first impressions of the organisation and what this might mean for its budget trajectory;
- Expectations for how the MoJ/OLC governance review might affect the budget and internal controls going forward;
- How the new suite of MoJ spending controls will affect OLC's budget and operations.
- The level of exposure to IT related financial and operating risks.
- The confidence OLC has in its key assumptions related to caseload volumes, which have been declining year on year.

Recommendation(s):

The Board is invited to note this report. No decisions are required at this stage in relation to OLC's briefing paper.

Risks and mitigations

Financial: N/A.

Legal: N/A.

Reputational: N/A.

Resource: N/A.

Consultation	Yes	No	Who / why?
Board Members:		✓	
Consumer Panel:		✓	
Others:	N/A.		

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Annex A	Section 22: information intended for future publication	