

<b>To:</b>	Board
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	27 March 2011
<b>Item:</b>	Paper (11) 14

<b>Title:</b>	LSB Rules – reviews of decisions about licence applications
<b>Workstream(s):</b>	Workstream(s) 5B: Widening access to the legal market
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<b>Status:</b>	Unclassified

<b>Summary:</b>
<p>Schedule 12 of Legal Services Act 2007 (<b>the Act</b>) sets out the circumstances in which a licensable body may apply to the Board for a decision that the body can apply to the Board (acting as a Licensing Authority (<b>LSB(LA)</b>)) for a licence. The Board (acting otherwise than as an LA or Approved Regulator) must make rules about how it will review that decision. This paper sets out draft rules for consultation (<b>Annex A</b>).</p> <p>(Note: If the Board decides that the body may make an application to it, then the application must be made in accordance with the LSB(LA)'s licensing rules. For the avoidance of doubt, a decision by the Board that a body may make an application to it for a licence is <b>not</b> a decision that the Board will grant that body a licence. A decision whether to grant a licence will be made by LSB(LA), after it has considered all the information provided in an application.)</p>

<b>Risks and mitigations</b>	
<b>Financial:</b>	None.
<b>FoIA:</b>	Annex A – s22.
<b>Legal:</b>	None.
<b>Reputational:</b>	None.
<b>Resource:</b>	None.

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

<b>Recommendation(s):</b>
The Board is invited to agree to publish a consultation on the draft rules, subject to final legal clearance of the drafting.