

Register of action points: 2012

Action Point	Description	Status	Owner
(11)09	To propose a meeting in due course of Board-level representatives from LSB, The Law Society and SRA	We will aim to schedule a meeting of Board-level representatives will be scheduled in Q2 2012/13, but precise timing may depend on outcome of current discussions with the SRA.	CK/HP
(12)02	Publish proposed conclusions on rationalising the scope of regulation as short decision document in April 2012	On track	AR
(12)02	Carry out an initial assessment of general legal advice for individual consumers commencing in Autumn 2012, with a paper to the Board in advance outlining the strategy and timetable	On track	AR
(12)03	Encourage Ministers to maintain the will storage facility provided by the Probate Services, through a formal response to the consultation on the future of the service	The Probate Service consultation on reforming the non-contentious probate rules in which this issue will be raised has been postponed. The exact timing of publication is not yet known.	AR/CH
(12)03	Continue to work up proposals on will writing for consultation, to be brought to the March, July and November Board meetings for sign off	On track - scheduled for Board discussions in September and November 2012.	AR/CH
(12) 27	Executive to give consideration to the full range of points raised in discussion in formulating the approach for IGRs in 2013	On track – we will undertake a full review of the approach to IGRs for 2013 once the 2012 process is complete.	DR/KM
(12) 27	In communications with the applicable approved regulators, give an indication of the change in approach anticipated for 2013	On track – we will provide applicable approved regulators with an indication of a change in approach for 2013 in our final assessment letters.	DR/KM
(12) 35	Authorise the Executive to amend the section 55 requirement dated 16 February 2012 to reflect the new arrangements and re-affirm the requirement for the monthly report.	The Chairman wrote to The Law Society President on 26 April setting out the amended s 55 requirement, including the requirement for details of (and comment from) the SRA and TLS on information requests that are considered	Closed

		disproportionate or inappropriate by the SRA.	
(12) 28	Agree to the publication of formal assessments of regulators' plans in relation to diversity and social mobility	The regulators' plans and formal assessments will be published w/c 28 May.	CP/EL
(12) 28	Agree to a further report on diversity and social mobility to the Board early in 2013	Added to the Board's forward agenda plan for March 2013	HP
(12) 28	Agree that the Chairman write to the BSB Chair setting out the importance the LSB places on the transparency objective and making clear the LSB's intention to consider the accompanying guidance carefully	The Chairman wrote to the Chair of the BSB on 2 May (and the Chief Executive wrote to his counterpart along similar lines on 4 May. The BSB responded on 17 May. Revised guidance was received on 22 May and the Chief Executive will provide a verbal update at the meeting.	CP/EL
(12) 29	Present the first tier complaints handling review framework to the 11 July meeting with a view to implementing it in autumn 2012	Added to the Board's forward agenda plan for July 2012.	FG/CB
(12) 30	Recommend to MoJ that there needs to be an interim increase in the SRA's maximum penalty to a level that represents a credible deterrent for the largest law firms and agree that the LSB publish its final response on non-ABS financial penalties on the website	The LSB's response to the SRA discussion document for the MoJ - Commensurate fining powers between the Solicitors Act and Legal Services Act 30 April 2012 – was published on 30 April and is available on the website.	Closed
(12) 31	Write to the Consumer Panel setting out the Board's response in relation to comparison websites, based on proposals in the paper and points raised in discussion	Letter being prepared for the Chairman's signature for dispatch w/c 21 May.	CP
(12) 31	Write to regulators and professional bodies, encouraging regulators to think about the role of comparison sites in their own consumer education strategies, and how they might work with comparison sites to maintain adherence to the standards set out in the report	Letters being prepared for the Chairman's signature for dispatch w/c 21 May.	CP
(12) 31	Reconsider the issue in 2013/14, when further information will be available about the changing nature of the legal services market	Added to the Board's forward agenda plan for 2013/14.	HP