

To:	Legal Services Board	
Date of Meeting:	28 March 2012	Item: Paper (12) 13

Title:	Final OLC Budget 2012-13	
Presented by:	Chris Kenny, Chief Executive	
Status:	Restricted	

Summary:
<p>A sub group of the Board met on 29 February to consider the 2012/13 budget for the Office for Legal Complaints. The paper presented to the sub group is attached at Annex A.</p> <p>The Chairman wrote to the OLC Chair following the meeting, confirming the proposed budget of £16,997,000 had been approved on the Board's behalf, subject to some specific assurance made by the OLC's Accounting Officer at the meeting on 29 February. A copy of the Chairman's letter is attached at Annex B (which incorporates a note of the meeting held on 29 February) and the OLC Chair's response is attached at Annex C.</p> <p>Before the budget can be finally approved, there remains just one area on which final assurance has been requested from the OLC: formal confirmation of the specific assurances that the OLC Accounting Officer provided verbally at the meeting on 29 February regarding voluntary jurisdiction work funding. A letter from Adam Sampson as Accounting Officer to Chris Kenny addressing these points is expected but had not been received at time of drafting. A verbal update on the latest position will be provided at the meeting.</p>

Risks and mitigations	
Financial:	N/A
FoIA:	N/A
Legal:	N/A
Reputational:	N/A
Resource:	N/A

Consultation	Yes	No	Who / why?
Board Members:	✓		Sub group of Board as delegated at 25 January LSB Board meeting.
Consumer Panel:		✓	N/A
Others:			

Recommendation(s):

The Board is invited to note the agreed budget for the OLC for the period 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013, subject to the necessary assurances being provided by the OLC Accounting Officer.