



Draft Business Plan 2019/20
Consultation by the Legal Services Board
Response by the Council for Licensed Conveyancers

February 2019

Introduction

1. The CLC has no specific comments on the different elements of the LSB's Business Plan 2019/20. Responses to the questions set out in the consultation paper are set out below.
2. As set out in our response to the LSB's IGR consultation, the CLC agrees with the principles set out in the proposed IGR which follow on the LSB's decision document published in July 2018.

About the Council for Licensed Conveyancers

3. The CLC was established as a legal regulator by the Administration of Justice Act 1985 and is an Approved Regulator under the Legal Services Act 2007, subject to the oversight regulation of the Legal Services Board. It has no representative function.
4. It licenses and regulates licensed conveyancers and practices in England and Wales in the provision of reserved legal activities, currently conveyancing and probate services, and other non-reserved legal activities, including will writing. It is also a Licensing Authority authorised to license and regulate Alternative Business Structures (ABS). It has no representative function having always been an independent regulator.
5. The CLC's role is to safeguard the public interest and consumers by regulating providers to deliver high quality and accessible legal services.
6. The CLC welcomes the opportunity to respond to this consultation.

CLC's Response to the Questions posed by the LSB in the Consultation

Question 1: Have we identified the most relevant developments in our external operating environment?

Yes. The CLC has not identified any other relevant developments.

Question 2: What are your views on our proposed five-year policy objectives?

They are in line with the regulatory objectives set out in the Legal Services Act 2007.

Question 3: Do you have any comments on our proposed business plan and work for 2019/20? Are there any workstreams that you disagree with? Is there any work that you think we should pursue that is not currently included?

The CLC has no specific comments.

Question 4: Please identify any elements of our business plan that you think present an opportunity for more detailed dialogue and/or joint working between your organisation and the LSB.

We shall contact the LSB as and when opportunities for dialogue arise.

Question 5: Please provide comments regarding equality issues which, in your view/experience, may arise from our proposed business plan for 2019/20.

We have none.