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Dear Sheila,

Extension to PCF decision period issued under Rule 11(b) of the LSB Practising Fee Rules 2021

This letter is an extension notice provided under Rule 11(b) of the LSB Practising Fee Rules 2021¹ ("the Rules").

On 3 September 2021 the LSB received the Council for Licensed Conveyancers' (CLC) application for the approval of its practising fee for 2021/22 under s51 of the Legal Services Act 2007. The LSB acknowledged receipt of the application on the same date. We confirmed we would use all reasonable endeavours to make a decision on the application promptly and within 35 calendar days – by 7 October 2021 - as provided for in the LSB Guidance on Practising Fee Rules 2021 (paragraph 30)², and that we would notify you in advance if there was a delay to our assessment and decision.

As set out in the Guidance on Practising Fee Rules 2021, there may be circumstances in which it may not be possible for the LSB to make a decision on an application within that 35-day period, for example where an application raises a number of questions requiring further consideration and/or further information from the approved regulator.

The proposals set out in the application represent a significant policy change in how the practising fee is levied on authorised persons, with potential implications across the legal sector. As you know, we have met with your team and sent requests for additional written information in respect of the application. Thank you for providing the further written information requested. As the most recent information was only provided on 29 September 2021 an extension is required to complete our assessment of the application.

Therefore, the LSB is extending the decision period from 7 October to **20 October 2021**. We aim to make a decision before that date.

¹ <https://legalservicesboard.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/PCF-Final-Rules-2021-Accessible.pdf>

² <https://legalservicesboard.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/PCF-Final-Guidance-for-publication-accessible.pdf>

If you have any questions in relation to this notice, please let me know. I know that our respective teams are also in close contact on this application. A copy of this extension letter will be published on the LSB's website within the next two business days.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Matthew Hill', with a stylized, cursive-like script.

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