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**THE CHAIRMAN
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Dear Chris

LSB Consultation – Alternative Business Structures: Approaches to Licensing

We are grateful to the Legal Services Board for giving the Bar Council an opportunity to respond to your consultation paper *Alternative Business Structures: Approaches to Licensing*.

We have seen the response of the Bar Standards Board to this consultation paper which we are content to adopt. Our approach is in accordance with that of the BSB in that whilst we support the Alternative Business Structures initiative, we feel that changes should proceed with caution and on the basis of evidence, and ultimately must result in structures which in the public interest benefit and work for both the consumer and the profession.

Yours sincerely,

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