

Decision making framework

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It is important that the public, solicitors we regulate and all other stakeholders can understand how our Board makes decisions. To help with this, we have set out below a framework which shows the things that will be considered, discussed and taken into account when our Board makes a decision.

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What

- **What is the issue and impact on end users of legal services or the ability of the profession to deliver to end users?**
- **What else might we need to know or understand?**
- **Does it fall within our remit/regulatory objectives/better regulation aims?**
- **Does this align with our Corporate Strategy and Business Plan?**

If we fully understand the matter and there is not a significant regulatory issue our involvement ends here.

If we fully understand the matter and there appears to be a significant regulatory issue, we move to the question of [Who \[#collapse_14bd\]](#).

Who

- **Can we do anything about this issue?**
- **Is there another organisation that is better placed to deal with this?**
- **Can we work with others to address this?**
- **If the core issue is not for us are there wider issues that are?**

If there is no action we can practically and usefully undertake, we take no further action other than raise with other organisations if appropriate.

If it is a matter we could consider taking action on, we move onto [How \[#collapse_3775\]](#).

How

- **How could we address this issue?**
- **Have we got the resources we would need?**
- **Are there factors that might hinder or help us?**
- **Is it a strategic priority?**

If we do not have the resources to address the issue effectively and it is not a strategic priority, we continue to monitor the issue and revisit later if appropriate.

If we have the resources, fully understand the issues and impact and consider it a strategic priority, we move forward in planning our next steps and actions.