

Agenda Item 5

Enclosure 3

Paper RC 20 / 02

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

CONSULTATION UPDATE

From : the Executive

Newchurch

FOR DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENT

Consultation Briefing Paper (Newchurch, 13th September 2002)

Following the drafting and publication of its consultation document, the HPC is now undertaking follow-on work, including:

1. Analysis of the responses to consultation
2. Drafting of a document summarising these responses
3. Drafting of a document setting out the HPC's response to the consultation, including any changes to its proposals

Newchurch is assisting the HPC with all of these tasks.

The public's response to consultation

The responses to consultation have started to come in quite swiftly and are now building up.

By 13th September, the HPC had received approximately;

- 314 letters and emails
- 18 long questionnaires
- 300 short questionnaires

These are being entered into a database for analysis of:

- The types of respondents
- The responses to specific questions asked in the questionnaires
- Key themes that have emerged

NC have created a series of themes which we are using to "tag" text responses e.g. letters, meetings. This will allow us to analyse these along with answers to specific questions in questionnaires.

Newchurch has drafted an initial version of the document summarising responses to consultation. This is primarily to test the layout and format and was agreed by the Consultation Steering Group at its meeting on 11th September. During September, the document will be built up as responses are received and analysed. In October, the final version of the document will be drafted, signed off by the Consultation Steering Group and then published/launched on the 5th November at a meeting in N Ireland.

Key Themes for Registration

Short Q

Q2: How many of the designated titles proposed by the Council for protection are you satisfied with?

Long Q

Section 26 - Register

Q 26.21, 26.22, 26.23, 26.24 - Welsh Language provision

Q 26.25, 26.26, 26.27 - Confidentiality of home addresses

Section 27 - Register - Access

Q 27.1, 27.2, 27.3, 27.4, 27.5, 27.6 - Public inspection and publication

Section 28 - Registrant Assessors

Q 28.1 - Purpose

Section 30 - Registration - Admission

Q 30.1, 30.2, 30.3, 30.4 - Process of application to the register

Section 35 - Rules

Q 35.1 - Rules

Section 39 - Transitional provision for admission to the Register

Q 39.1, 39.2, 39.3, 39.4, 39.5, 39.6 - Grandparenting

HPC's response following consultation

Following the consultation period, the HPC must submit to the Privy Council the final version of its proposals, including any decisions or changes to its original proposals made as a consequence of the consultation. This information is to be set out in a document to be published in the first week in December. During October and early November, in order for this document to be produced, both the Council and its various committees will need to consider the response to consultation and make decisions as to how to respond.

In order to assist the Council and committees in making the decisions which will form their response, Newchurch will be attending committee meetings and the Consultation Steering Group. In each case, we will inform members of the feedback from the consultation and highlight areas where each group will need to take decisions about future operations.

Current responses

We will update members during the registration committee meeting on 25th September 2002.

Desired outcomes from 25th September 2002 meeting

1. Update members on progress of consultation
2. Highlight to members the areas in which the committee will need to take decisions following the completion of consultation
3. Agree a process for ensuring decisions can be made within the required timescale

Timelines

9/10th October - council away day - feedback and discussion in relation to consultation

End October (23rd October) - Consultation Steering Group Meeting - sign off text of response to consultation document (phase 2)

5th November - Phase 2 doc launched at meeting in N Ireland

End of November - council meeting to sign off recommendation document to privy council (phase 3) Early December- HPCs Recommendations to Privy Council (including rules) are published

