

Technology and Innovation Working Group (TIWG)

Terms of Reference

Purpose

1. To advise the Board on its approach to changes in the way technology is being used to provide legal services in the regulated IP sector.
2. To support the Board's strategic objective to carry out its regulatory activities proactively, effectively and inclusively, ensuring the efficient use of resources, including encouraging innovation and competition in the provision of regulated IP legal services.
3. The TIWG's work will include (but is not limited to):
 - a. Conducting regular horizon scanning to identify emerging technologies and innovative practices relevant to IP legal services regulation;
 - b. Evaluating the potential impact of these technologies on the IP legal services sector and regulatory processes;
 - c. Considering whether to recommend changes to IPReg's regulatory arrangements to accommodate technological advancements;
 - d. Consider what a targeted and proportionate approach to the LSB's requirements and those of Government would be in the context of regulated IP legal services.

Responsibilities

4. Provide recommendations to the Board and, where appropriate, seek a steer from the Board.

Membership

5. The Group shall comprise at least three IPReg Board members.

Quorum

6. The quorum shall be two members of the Group.

Frequency of Meetings

7. The Group will meet at least quarterly.

Attendees

8. The Group members, the Chief Executive, the Director of Policy and any nominated member of the Executive shall attend the meetings.
9. The Group may invite external attendees to join the TIWG to advise on any issues and to support the discharge of its duties.

Reporting

10. The Chair of the Group will report to the Board on the progress of matters within its responsibilities.
11. Formal minutes are not required but notes of agreed actions points will be circulated.

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