

Law Society of Scotland Regulatory Committee remit

The Regulatory Committee operates under the following remit agreed by the Society's Council.

- 1. To ensure that standards for the profession are set by making relevant and appropriate rules and guidance, to be applied in a uniform and consistent way and reviewed regularly.
- 2. To ensure on an ongoing basis that the internal processes, policies and procedures adopted by the regulatory sub-committees are effective, appropriate and proportionate in order to ensure consistent regulatory decisions are made for the protection of the public and profession and to ensure that the sub-committees comply with sections 3B (2) (a) and (b) of the Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980.
- 3. Where any rule, policy, process or procedural changes are not in the authority of the Regulatory Committee, to make recommendations for any changes to the appropriate governance group in the Society (eg the Council, Board, Finance Committee or chief executive or, in the case of rules, the general meeting of members and the Lord President).
- 4. To build, develop relations with and consult all stakeholders to ensure confidence in the work of the profession and Society's regulatory regime.
- 5. To contribute to the Society's overall strategy, annual plan and budget processes, including assisting the chief executive, Board and Council in making resourcing decisions.
- 6. To create a plan of work for the Regulatory Committee based on the strategy and annual plan and report progress on this to the Board.
- 7. To provide a written annual report at the Council and Board on the work of the committee and key regulatory issues.
- 8. To submit all minutes of its meetings to the Council on a timely basis and provide regular reports to the Board.
- 9. To delegate regulatory functions to relevant sub-committees having created and sought approval for the scheme of delegation and the remits of those sub-committees from the Council.