

#### SRA priorities for the year ahead

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## Background



- We're seeking your views on our new Business Plan 2021-22
- Corporate Strategy 2020-23 three core objectives:
  - Setting and maintaining high standards for the profession and ourselves
  - Actively supporting the adoption of legal tech and other innovation
  - Anticipating and responding to change
- Access to justice and equality, diversity and inclusion throughout our work

## Objective one



Setting and maintaining high standards for the profession and ourselves



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Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE) from September 2021 Evaluate the Standards and Regulations and publish quality impact assessments Advocacy standards and continuing competence requirements

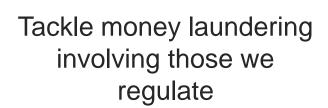
#### Objective one



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Compliance and enforcement: independent Quality Assurance team Independent research into solicitor profile in enforcement processes and in professional assessments



Developing our presence in Wales and use of Welsh

# Objective two



Actively support the adoption of legal technology and other innovation



Initiatives including Lawtech UK Sandbox and Agile Nation Forum



Maintain and develop relationships with digital comparison tool providers



Review and relaunch SRA Innovation Space



Consider how legal tech can help public and diverse communities more easily access legal support

# **Objective three**



Anticipating and responding to change



Identify future challenges and opportunities facing legal sector and work collaboratively



Research programme to refresh and expand our knowledge base



Embed our new in-house horizon scanning and intelligence gathering function



Extend public legal education work, develop Legal Choices website and better information for consumers . . . . . . . . . .

Solicitors

Regulation

Authority

- Law Society also consulting on its own Business Plan and budget
- Feedback from both consultations will be used to jointly set 2021-22 practising certificate fee level
- We expect SRA proportion of the fee will be consistent with previous years – no more than £151
- We anticipate that the Compensation Fund contribution for individuals will reduce from £50 to £40

#### Tell us your views



#### You can respond to the consultation via our website:

www.sra.org.uk/consultations

Closing date: 25 June 2021

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## Questions?