

ITEM 5.2: SCJC CORE BRIEFING

Purpose

1. To provide members with a core briefing (**Paper 5.2A**) on the SCJC and to seek approval of its content, use and style.

Discussion

2. The briefing highlights the current activity and recent achievements of the SCJC. Furthermore, it provides:
 - background material as to the establishment of the SCJC, its functions, powers and guiding principles;
 - the committees and working groups supporting the work of the Council;
 - the priorities of the SCJC, as set out in the Annual Programme;
 - governance of the SCJC; and
 - the nature of engagement work with parties interested in the civil justice system and other justice organisations.
3. The purpose of the SCJC Core Brief is to assist Council members when attending events and/or when representing the Council.
4. The Secretariat will update the briefing and circulate it to members as necessary, but between meetings and alongside the activity report, as a minimum.
5. The Secretariat will use the briefing to support communications activity.

Recommendation

6. That members consider and approve the SCJC core brief with regard to style and content, and its use.

SCJC Secretariat

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