# ITEMS CONSIDERED BY CORRESPONDENCE

## Purpose

1. To provide the Council with a note of the outcomes from items considered by correspondence since the last Council meeting held on 20 February 2023.

## Matters considered

2. In considering matters by correspondence, unless otherwise advised, a nil response will indicate consent. There were five matters considered by correspondence since the last meeting:

#### Administrative Matters

- Paper 2023.7/7A was issued on 27 February 2023 and invited members to approve draft minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 February 2023. Responses were invited by close of business on 07 March 2023. Two responses were received. Final minutes were approved and published on the Council's website.
- Paper 2023.15 was issued on 27 April 2023 and invited members to consider and approve the appointment of two new members and the reappointment of an existing member to the Costs and Funding Committee. Responses were invited by close of business 04 May 2023. Two responses were received. All three members were appointed to the Committee for a period of three years.

#### Inner House Rules Consultation

• **Paper 2023.08** was issued on 01 March 2023 inviting members to approve the publication of the Consultation Response Document which conveys the decisions that will be taken forward. Responses were invited by close of business 15 March 2023. Two responses were received. The Consultation Response Document was published and consultation respondents notified.

#### Consultation Response - Modes of Attendance at Hearings

• **Paper 2023.10** was issued on 16 March 2023 and invited members to approve the publication of the Consultation Report. Responses were invited by close of business 23 March 2023. One response was received. The Consultation Response Document was published online.

# National Security Bill

• **Paper 2023.13** was issued on 04 April 2023 and invited members to consider two requests from the Home Office in respect of implementing the National Security Bill. Responses were invited by close of business 17 April 2023. One response was received. Draft rules have been instructed.

## Recommendation

3. Members are invited to note the contents of this update.

Secretariat to the Scottish Civil Justice Council May 2023

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