

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Deputy Leader
2.	Date:	2nd July 2012
3.	Title:	Legal Services – Lexcel Inspection
4.	Directorate:	Resources

5. Summary

To update the Deputy Leader on the forthcoming Practice Management Inspection of the Legal Services section.

6. Recommendations

That the Deputy Leader notes the forthcoming inspection.

7. Proposals and Details

The Legal Services section was awarded Lexcel accreditation in 2005. Lexcel is the professional solicitors' practice standard award of the Law Society.

The scheme sets a quality standard for both private practice and in-house solicitors. It provides a framework for ensuring timely and good quality advice and supports performance management.

Having a robust external inspection of Rotherham's in-house legal advice will help to ensure that in-house clients continue to receive a high quality and professional legal service. It will also place the service in an strong position when considering providing shared legal services with other South Yorkshire authorities.

The next full inspection is to take place in July and preparations are underway to ensure continuation of the accreditation.

8. Finance

None

9. Risks and Uncertainties

None

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

None

11. Background Papers and Consultation

None

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