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**Subject:** CEC involvement with legal issues

Andrew, in discussions with CEC yesterday, and in light of the developing situation, CEC have asked, and I have agreed, that CEC legal liaise directly with you on legal matters. We are all aware of the potential for confusion when effectively dealing with a multi-headed client, but this risk can be managed, and the benefit is that CEC legal will be more involved and informed and so in a better position to advise CEC on any issues which may require CEC decisions.

I am happy to be told different, but I wonder if arranging a regular update (say once a week) might be a sensible way to ensure that things don't get confused. Currently I hold a weekly briefing of CEC officers at 1pm every Tuesday (which can often spend quite some time of legal issues). I suggest that an additional meeting with me, CEC legal and DLA takes place immediately before this, say at 11.30 every Tuesday. I would envisage this as being in addition to direct contact between CEC and DLA for matters that cannot wait until the weekly meeting.

Any views?

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