

Open letter to:

The Chartered Institute of Legal Executives

Date 8th of November 2023

A number of Chartered Legal Executives requested a special general meeting (SGM) in accordance with the relevant byelaws of the Chartered Institute on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The request for an SGM was acknowledged by Mrs Linda Ford the CEO of Cilex on the same date. The purpose of the SGM was to allow members to indicate their views by way of a vote on the proposed re-delegation of the regulatory function to the SRA.

The byelaws, which are repeated below, require the Chartered Institute to convene the SGM within 42 days of receipt of the request, i.e. by the 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2023. **There is no provision within the byelaws for Cilex to refuse to hold an SGM for any reason or to decline to include any items on the agenda.**

The byelaws go on to say that in the case of a normal resolution, as in the attached request, not less than 14 days notice shall be given to the members of the Chartered Institute. Such notice of the SGM should have been given to members by the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2023.

After business hours on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023, Cilex have attempted to persuade members not to request an SGM and have said that they will not include any resolution for a vote by members. They attempt to retrospectively correct their breach of the byelaws by saying they will hold an SGM on the 7<sup>th</sup> November (2 clear working days notice).

This is in clear breach of the byelaws and Royal Charter that govern the Chartered Institute. By doing so Cilex is treating its members with contempt.

As such, we the below named members of the Chartered Institute give notice that we have no confidence in the Chartered Institute, its executive or its board members.

Given that the Chartered Institute has ignored the members' lawful request for an SGM, this open letter is the only opportunity the members have available to them to express this view.

Concerned members of Cilex.

Anna Bailey

Kelly Collier

Thomas Fuller

Maxine Gorvett

Stephen D Gowland

Alec Hancock

Karen Healey

Sarah Lightfoot Webber

Paul Murden

Roland Pryke

George Smith

Caroline Ward

Patricia White

Clare Wills

### **Extracts of the byelaws**

22. Not less than 21 clear days' notice of every SGM shall be given to all Fellows if the meeting is for the purpose of considering a special resolution, but not less than 14 clear days' notice shall suffice in the case of any other meeting.

27. Any 50 Fellows may by notice require a special general meeting to be convened for the purpose of considering any resolution set out in the notice, and the Group Board shall, on receipt of such a requisition, convene the meeting accordingly not more than 42 clear days after the receipt of the requisition.

### **Attachments**

See additional information