

Communications Committee 24 October 2007

Election of Chairman

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

Mr Pat McFadden, the former registrant paramedic member of Council, was not re-elected in the 2007 Council elections and therefore the post of Chairman of the Committee is currently vacant. The Vice-Chairman of the Committee is Professor Turner, who will chair the meeting for this item.

The process for election of Committee Chairmen was agreed at the Council meeting on 12 July 2005. A copy of the process is attached.

Decision

The Committee is asked to nominate a person to be appointed by the Council as Chairman.

If the Vice-Chairman was nominated as the Chairman, the Committee will be asked to nominate a person to be appointed by the Council as the new Vice-Chairman.

Background information

The process for election of Committee Chairmen was agreed at the Council meeting on 12 July 2005. A copy of the process is attached.

Resource implications

None.

Financial implications

None.

Appendices

Process for the election of Chairmen of Committees

Date of paper

1 October 2007

HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL

Process for the election of Chairmen of Committees

Introduction

The Health Professions Order 2001 provides for all Committee appointments (including sub-committees) to be made by the Council and, therefore, the appointment of Committee chairmen is made by the Council and not the Committee concerned.

Process

- At its first meeting, each committee is asked to nominate a person to be appointed by the Council as chairman of that committee.
- In the event that only one member is nominated then, unless the Council decides to the contrary, that person will be appointed as Chairman.
- If more than one member is nominated or the committee cannot agree on a nomination, then, in relation to the candidates nominated or who have put themselves forward, a secret ballot will be conducted by the Secretary of the Committee among the members of Committee present.
- Before the ballot is conducted each candidate will be given the opportunity, if they so wish, to address the Committee for not more than five minutes.
- The members nominated may scrutinise the ballot process or appoint another member to do so on their behalf.
- The Registrar will announce the result of the ballot to the meeting and the winning candidate will be appointed as Chairman.
- The term of office of Chairmen is two years.

Agreed at 12 July 2005 Council meeting

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