

Health Professions Council
14 December 2006

STANDING ORDERS

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Introduction

Among the topics discussed at the Council away day was a proposal that a review of Council and committee standing orders¹ should be undertaken.

The group which considered this proposal discussed two options on how this work should be taken forward. These options are as follows;

- (i) that a time-limited working group should be established to consider the standing orders of Council and committees. Three Council members have volunteered for membership of the working group. They are John Camp, Chris Green and Mary Clark-Glass.

- (ii) that governance issues should be included within the remit of the Audit Committee. The work involved in reviewing the standing orders would be carried out by the HPC's internal auditors (PKF). Council and Committee members would be consulted for their views.

Decision

The Council is requested to consider the above options and ask the Executive to put a more detailed proposal regarding the option chosen to the March 2007 meeting of Council for consideration.

Background information

See notes from Council Governance and Strategy Workshop at Council Away Day on 5 October 2006 (Agenda Item 38, enclosure 35)

Resource implications

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¹ The procedure of the three Practice Committees is governed by statutory rules rather than standing orders and, by virtue of paragraph 13 of schedule 1 to the Health Professions Order 2001, the Council cannot make standing orders for those committees. Any amendments to the rules would need to be submitted to the Privy Council and laid before and approved by Parliament.

Financial implications

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Appendices

None

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