

Council, 14 May 2015

Education and Training Committee

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

1. In anticipation of the restructure of the Council in January 2014, the opportunity was taken to review the composition of the Education and Training Committee (ETC), a statutory Committee of the Council. The composition needed to be reflective of the smaller number of Council members under the new structure.
2. The composition, which is within the gift of Rules made by HCPC, was amended so that the Committee comprised three registrant and three lay members.
3. The Committee was appointed in February 2014 in accordance with the revised composition and subsequent membership changes were made in February of this year.
4. The Committee has a vital role in advising the Council on matters relating to education, training and registration and it is important to ensure full attendance at the meetings. Unfortunately, this has not always been possible. The proposal therefore is to amend the composition of the Committee. We recommend that the Education and Training Committee be constituted as follows:-

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Elaine Buckley
Sonya Lam
Eileen Mullan
Joanna Mussen
Joy Tweed
Steve Wordsworth

5. When the composition of ETC was reviewed in September 2013, the quorum of the Education and Training Panel (whose role is to consider visitor's reports in relation to programme approval) was also reduced to three. However, since conflicts of interest may arise, we tend to allocate four members of the Committee to each Panel meeting.
6. As with the Committee, it is important to ensure we have quoracy in order that decisions can be made in respect of programme approvals. In recent times, we have had some difficulty allocating members to ETC panel meetings. To alleviate issues in terms of attendance, quoracy and conflicts of interest, the proposal is that all members of the Education and Training Committee would be expected to attend all meetings of the Panel.

Decision

7. Council is asked to agree the revised composition of the Education and Training Committee as set out under paragraph 4 and agree that all members of the Education and Training Committee would be expected to attend all meetings of the Education and Training Panels.

Background information

Education and Training Committee Rules 2014

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

The costs for Committee attendance and travel and subsistence are incorporated into the Council and Committee budget for 2015-2016.

Appendices

None

Date of paper

29 April 2015