

Education and Training Committee – 8 September 2011

Reports from Council representatives at external meetings

Executive Summary and Recommendations

**Introduction**

The attached feedback form has been received from Annie Turner.

**Decision**

The Committee is requested to note the document.

**Background information**

None

**Resource implications**

None

**Financial implications**

The cost for attendance at conferences/meetings has been incorporated into the Council annual budget.

**Background papers**

None

**Appendices**

Copies of feedback forms

**Date of paper**

25 August 2011

<b>Name of Council Member</b>	<b>Annie Turner</b>
<b>Title of event</b>	<b>HEALTH network group advisory group meeting</b>
<b>Date of event</b>	<b>19/07/2011</b>
<b>Approximate attendance at event</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Issues of Relevance to HPC</b>	
<p>Following the reorganisation of the HEA the role and future of the advisory groups is under question. As yet there is no final decision about the group's future and this is likely to be made following the report of the audit/research by Prof. Dorothy Whittington on the HEA's possible routes of communication under the new structure.</p> <p>Craig Mahoney, the HEA's new CEO addressed the group and discussed the shift in direction and structure of the HEA. He talked of the removal of Subject Centres, unless these were self-financing and the implications of this on staff involved, along with the implications for the advisory groups. Most appointments to the new structure's posts have now been made (AT was involved in an appointment panel on 20<sup>th</sup> June) and the subject directors now need to consider the most fruitful relationship with a range of organisations including PBs, regulators etc who are currently represented through the advisory boards. Craig was also aware that several groups were unrepresented in their liaison with the HEA including National Teaching Fellows, PVCs etc. There is also need for performance indicators in relation to liaison with external groups in order to identify their added value to the organisation along with the ability of the HEA to define its unique relevance to higher education.</p>	
<b>Key Decisions Taken</b>	
<p>It was decided that a possible final meeting of the group would be held in London in November.</p>	