

**Health Professions Council
Audit Committee 26 June 2007**

AUDIT COMMITTEE STANDING ORDERS

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Introduction

On 14 December 2006, the Council agreed that governance issues should be included in the remit of the Audit Committee.

To implement this decision, on 29 March 2007 the Council agreed that, in order to accommodate its new role, the Audit Committee's standing orders should be amended and that the following paragraph should be included as paragraph 2(g) of the standing orders:

"2(g) at the request of the Council, to advise it on matters of corporate governance (but without prejudice to the Committee's power to make recommendations to the Council on corporate governance issues arising from the work of the auditors)."

Decision

The Committee is requested to note the document. No decision is required.

Background information

Council meeting 14 December 2006 - enclosure 14, available on the HPC website at:

http://www.hpc-uk.org/assets/documents/100017DEcouncil_meeting_20061214_enclosure14.pdf

Council meeting 29 March 2007 - enclosure 17, available on the HPC website at:

http://www.hpc-uk.org/assets/documents/10001A43council_meeting_20070329_enclosure17.pdf

The Audit Committee has previously agreed to review its terms of reference at each September meeting and, subject to the Chairman's agreement of the agenda, the terms of reference will be an item on the agenda for the meeting on 25 September 2007.

Resource implications

None.

Financial implications

None.

Appendices

None.

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