

Health and Care Professions Council – Wednesday 27 March 2013

Restructure of Council – Communications Committee

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Introduction

1. At the Council's Strategy session held on 6 February, one of the areas of discussion was the implications of the restructure of Council on the existing Committee structure.
2. During discussion and feedback, there was consensus that the existing Committee structure was not a feasible governance structure under the proposed Council of 12 members. Members were in agreement that the non-statutory Committees (with the exception of the Audit Committee) should be disbanded and that a review of the structure of Council meetings be undertaken to see how the existing work of the Committees could be best incorporated into the meetings of Council.
3. Given that the Communications Committee have had very little business for consideration in recent meetings, and the meeting last June was cancelled owing to lack of business, it was agreed that this Committee should be wound up following the meeting on 28 February 2013. The Finance and Resources and the Fitness to Practise Committees should then be wound up once the Council is reconstituted which is expected to be in January 2014.

Decision

4. The Council is requested to agree that:-
 - a) The Communications Committee be disbanded following their final meeting on 28 February 2013; and
 - b) The Finance and Resources and Fitness to Practise Committees be disbanded once the reconstituted Council comes into effect.

Background information

None

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

The Committee and Council budget for 2013-2014 has been drafted based on the existing Committee structure. However, once there is some certainty in relation to the

legislation to effect the changes to the constitution of Council, a reforecast will be carried out to reflect the changes made to the governance structure.

Background papers

None

Appendices

None

Date of paper

14 March 2013