

Fitness to Practise Committee 13 October 2011

Nomination of Chair

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

In accordance with its standing orders, the Committee is asked to nominate a Chair to preside at the meeting, and for meetings of the Committee for the following two years. The Committee's recommendation will be submitted to the Council for approval.

Decision

The Committee is asked to nominate a Chair to preside at the meeting, and to recommend that the Council appoint the nominated member as Chair of the Committee for the following two years.

Background information

The Committee's standing orders also provide that, if the Chair is absent from, or otherwise unable to preside at a meeting the members present shall nominate one of their number to serve as chair at that meeting. The standing orders are available on the Council website, as part of the Code of Corporate Governance.

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

None

Appendices

- Process for nomination of Chair, agreed by Council on 12 July 2005.

Date of paper

3 October 2011

Process for the election of Chairmen of Committees

Introduction

The Health Professions Order 2001 provides for all Committee appointments (including sub-committees) to be made by the Council and, therefore, the appointment of Committee chairmen is made by the Council and not the Committee concerned.

Process

- At its first meeting, each committee is asked to nominate a person to be appointed by the Council as chairman of that committee.
- In the event that only one member is nominated then, unless the Council decides to the contrary, that person will be appointed as Chairman.
- If more than one member is nominated or the committee cannot agree on a nomination, then, in relation to the candidates nominated or who have put themselves forward, a secret ballot will be conducted by the Secretary of the Council among the members of Council present.
- Before the ballot is conducted each candidate will be given the opportunity, if they so wish, to address the Council for not more than five minutes.
- The members nominated may scrutinise the ballot process or appoint another member to do so on their behalf.
- The Registrar will announce the result of the ballot to the meeting and the winning candidate will be appointed as Chairman.
- The term of office of Chairmen is two years.

Agreed at 12 July 2005 Council meeting