Council meeting

Thursday 15 November 2012

Summary of decisions taken

This is an informal summary of the main decisions made at the November 2012 Council meeting. The full agenda and public papers are available on our website at: 
http://www.pharmacyregulation.org/about-us/who-we-are/gphc-council/council-meetings

Draft minutes of the meeting will be published as part of the papers for the Council meeting on 7 February 2013.

Performance Monitoring reports – Future Indicators
The Council agreed:
- the approach to performance monitoring as outlined in the paper subject to minor amendments.
- the appendix as the Council’s current specification for performance monitoring and for further work to develop the reporting.

Review of the Council's performance as a governing body
The Council confirmed its review of its performance as a governing body and the next steps.

Draft amendments rules – consultation report
The Council considered draft amendments rules which had been consulted upon. The amendments related largely to the statutory committees and were intended to enable more efficient working while maintaining quality of outcomes. The Council
- approved the draft report of the consultation on draft amendments to rules for publication, and,
- made the General Pharmaceutical Council (Amendment of Miscellaneous Provisions) Rules 2012 and,
- agreed that the GPhC’s corporate seal be affixed to these rules.

Equality Scheme
The Council agreed the Equality Scheme for 2012-14 and noted the accompanying action plan.

Emergency Registration
The Council agreed the revised list of persons who may be registered with the GPhC on a temporary basis in the event of an emergency involving loss of human life or human illness until the next review.

Remuneration of Associate workers
The Council agreed the following recommendations from the Remuneration Committee:
- not to increase any associate worker remuneration rates at the current time
- to introduce an hourly remuneration rate for Investigating Committee members, equivalent to 1/7th of the daily rate; and
- for the Remuneration Committee to review associate worker fees at its September 2013 meeting and then every two years subsequently.
GPhC Expenses Policy
Following recommendation from the Remuneration Committee the Council agreed a proposed amendment to clarify the wording of the expenses policy in relation to first class travel, and the inclusion of an allowance for breakfast when travelling as set out in paragraph 1.4 of the paper.

Cash Management Policy
The Council agreed the implementation of a cash management policy.

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