

**Health Professions Council
Approvals Committee 22nd November 2005**

PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF VISITORS' REPORTS

Executive Summary and Recommendations

1. Introduction

In the document "Key Decisions from our Consultation on Standards of Education and Training and the Approvals Process", the HPC agreed that the Approvals Committee would consider Visitors' reports and decide whether to recommend approval of the programme.

Following this decision it is proposed that the Approvals Committee should meet on a monthly basis to consider Visitors' reports, annual monitoring reports and minor changes to programmes. The quorum for considering these items of business would be less than that presently required by the standing orders.

The proposed meeting dates for the Approvals Committee in 2006-7 are as follows. The dates of the meetings in March and May 2006 were agreed by the Committee last year:

Thursday 12 January 2006	Thursday 18 January 2007
Thursday 2 February	Thursday 1 February
Thursday 2 March	Thursday 8 March
Thursday 6 April	Thursday 5 April
Wednesday 17 May	Wednesday 9 May
Thursday 8 June	Thursday 7 June
Tuesday 4 July	Tuesday 12 July
Thursday 3 August	
Tuesday 5 September	
Tuesday 10 October	
Thursday 2 November	
Wednesday 13 December	

2. Decision

The Committee is asked to agree the proposed meeting dates for the Approvals Committee from January 2006 to July 2007.

3. Background information

The proposed arrangements will require amendment of the Approvals Committee standing orders and a paper will be submitted to the Education and Training Committee and the Council for ratification.

Visitors' reports are currently considered under Chairman's Action by the Chairman of the Education and Training Committee.

4. Resource implications

Preparation for the additional meetings would involve additional resources and staff time in the Education Department and the Secretariat.

5. Financial implications

Payment of additional expenses and attendance allowance.

Additional cost of preparation of papers.

6. Appendices

None.

7. Date of paper

4th November 2005.