

Process for the Nomination and Election of the President Post July 2005

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Introduction

The Health Professions Order 2001 (the Order) states that ‘the members of the Council shall elect a President from among themselves for a term of four years’.

Following the election of a new Council in July 2005, members will be required to elect a President.

It is proposed that the process for the election of the President of the Health Professions Council is as follows;

1. The Secretary to Council will inform the Council by email that an election is to be held and will seek nominations. All nominees must be proposed and seconded by members of the Council.
2. The election of the President will take place on the first Council meeting following the Council election.
3. The election of the President will form the first item of substantive business at that Council meeting and the Registrar (or his nominee) will act as Chairman of the meeting for that item only.
4. The Registrar will confirm the process to be used, and will ask for re-confirmation of the nominations and if there are any additional nominations.
5. If only one candidate is nominated, then that person is elected.
6. If there is more than one candidate for President, then the procedure will be as follows:
 - each candidate will be given the opportunity to make a brief presentation (of not more than 10 minutes) to the Council.
 - a secret ballot will be conducted by the Registrar; and the votes to be verified and counted by the Secretary to Council and another member of the Executive
 - Candidates may scrutinise the verification and counting of the votes.
 - the result will be announced
7. The Council will adopt a similar process to that in 5 and 6 for the election of the Vice-President but, where there is more than one nomination for that post, will defer the proceedings until the next Council meeting.

8. If the President is required to seek re-election to the Council part way through their term of office then they cease to be President. If that person is then re-elected to the Council, the Council will have the option of re-appointing him or her as President or running a new election.

Decision

The Council is requested to approve the above procedure.

Background information

(The relevant provisions of the Orders are set out in Schedule 1, article 12 (1) – (4) a copy of which is attached at Appendix 1.

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

None

Background papers

None

Appendices

None