

**Health Professions Council**  
**14 December 2006**

**SCENARIO PLANNING**

**Executive Summary and Recommendations**

**Introduction**

At the Council away day, Council members engaged in reflection on the possible impact of policy and practice changes on the work of HPC. These produced useful discussions on a wide range of possible 'scenarios.' Among the issues discussed at the Council away day was how Council could best engage in further scenario planning in the future. Scenario planning is a strategic management tool widely used in the private and public sectors to assist Boards in planning more effectively and anticipating the impact of change before it happens (For more information, see [www.gsb.strath.ac.uk](http://www.gsb.strath.ac.uk)).

Following further consideration the President has requested that the Council consider the following proposal;

(i) that a workshop for all Council members, including alternates, should be held in February 2007 (or as soon as practical thereafter). It is possible that this date may coincide with the publication of the government's response to the review of the regulation of non-medical health professions.

(ii) that consideration should be given to the engagement of a facilitator with expertise in scenario planning to assist at the event.

(iii) that after the proposed workshop further consideration should be given to whether, and how, Council will engage in future scenario planning.

**Decision**

The Council is asked to consider options (i) and (ii) above and to request that the Executive undertake the necessary preparations as appropriate.

**Background information**

None

**Resource implications**

None

**Financial implications**

Cost of conference rooms and catering £3,200 (approx)

Attendance allowance, subsistence and travel for 40 members £24,000 (approx)

**Appendices**

None

**Date of paper**

30 November 2006