Health Professions Council Council – 11 May 2006

DECLARATION OF RESULTS OF COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Executive Summary and Recommendations Introduction

Rule 11 (4) of the Health Professions Council Election Scheme Rules provides that when the Returning Officer declares the result of the Council elections he shall present a certificate to of the results to Council at their next meeting.

Rule 12(1) states that 'the Council, upon receipt of the Returning Officer's certificate shall, where the Returning Officer certifies that the home country representation requirement would be met, appoint the persons elected a registrant members and alternate members of the Council'.

In his capacity as Returning Officer, the Chief Executive has been advised by the HPC Solicitor and Parliamentary Agent that, as it is extremely unlikely that the HPC would have to interfere in the results of the 2006 elections, it would be appropriate for the Council agree the appointment of the new registrant and lay Council members electronically on this occassion. However the Returning Officer has also been advised that it would be good practice for the Council to meet to make the appointments. Therefore it is proposed that as of 2007 the May Council meeting should be held at the end of May to allow for the declaration of the election results at this meeting.

Decision

The Council is asked to agree that;

- (i) in the event that the results of the 2006 elections are uncontentious, the Council will agree the appointment of new registrant and alternate members electronically
- (ii) that as of 2007 the May meeting of Council will be held immediately following the declaration of the results by the Electoral Reform Services.

Background information None

Resource implications None

Financial implications None

Appendices

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