
Health Professions Council – 11 June 2009

Composition of Committees

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

At the last meeting of the Health Professions Council held on 20 May, consideration was given to the Code of Corporate Governance and its constituent parts. Subject to some minor amendments and the approval by the Education and Training Committee of their Scheme of Delegation, Council agreed the Code of Corporate Governance with the exception of Standing Order 2 of the Committee Standing Orders (Composition of Committees).

Whilst Council reached agreement on the size of the Committees under the new structure, the Executive were requested to give further thought to the composition of the Committees, with the exception of the Education and Training Committee whose composition is to be as determined by the Health Professions Council (Education and Training Committee) (Constitution) Rules 2009 made by Council in March 2009.

Composition of Committees

The recommendations for Standing Order 2 is as follows:-

- (1) The composition of the **Education and Training Committee** shall be determined by the Council in accordance with the Health Professions Council (Education and Training Committee) (Constitution) Rules 2009.
- (2) The **Audit Committee** shall comprise four members appointed by the Council on such terms as it shall determine of which:
 - at least one member shall have recent, significant and relevant financial experience; and
 - no member shall also be a member of the Finance and Resources Committee.
- (3) The **Communications Committee** shall comprise six members appointed by the Council on such terms as it shall determine of which:
 - at least two members shall be members of the Council;
 - at least one member shall be a lay member; and

- the majority of members shall have such qualifications and experience as the Council considers will be of value to the Committee in the performance of its functions.
- (4) The **Finance and Resources Committee** shall comprise ten members appointed by the Council on such terms as it shall determine of which:
- at least one member shall have recent, significant and relevant financial experience;
 - at least four members shall be members of the Council;
 - at least one member shall be a lay member; and
 - no member shall also be a member of the Audit Committee;
- (5) The **Fitness to Practise Committee** shall comprise ten members appointed by the Council on such terms as it shall determine of which:
- at least four members shall be members of the Council; and
 - at least one member shall be a lay member.

Decision

Council is requested to approve Standing Order as set out above.

Background information

None

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

None

Background papers

Code of Corporate Governance as agreed by Council on 20 May 2009.

Appendices

None

Date of paper

27 May 2009