

**Health Professions Council**  
**Finance and Resources Committee Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2006**

**INTERNATIONAL SCRUTINY FEES**

**Executive Summary and Recommendations**

**1. Introduction**

Some initial revenue modeling work was done by the Management Accountant in October 2005 about potentially raising the International Scrutiny fee from £200 to £300 per International application from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007. A further meeting was held in December 2005 with Jonathan Bracken, Parliamentary Counsel about the process and timeframe for a potential fees rise relating to such a fee increase, since it requires Statutory approval from the Privy Council - refer Section 45 (1) of the Health Professions Order 2001.

Assuming agreement to the fee increase is reached by Council in March 2006, there would be probably enough time for statutory approval to be reached in time for the proposed fee increase to go live from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007. The increased income from such a fee increase has been calculated conservatively at £440,000, based on the £100 increase and 4,400 applications per annum processed.

The direct costs of processing International Scrutiny applications was estimated at approx £290 per application (mostly Assessor and International Registrations staff costs), with further indirect cost (property and office services costs) on top.

Finally, a brief survey of other Health Regulators International Scrutiny fees has yet to be performed, but would be tabled (subject to their survey response) in the paper going to Council.

**2. Decision**

The Committee is asked to agree the following: that the International Scrutiny fee be raised from £200 to £300 per application, effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007.

**3. Background information**

Nil

**4. Resource implications**

Nil

**5. Financial implications**

Nil

**6. Background papers**

Nil

**7. Appendices**

Nil

**8. Date of paper**

25 January 2005