

Finance and Resources Committee Meeting – 20th November 2007

Proposed Fee Rise 2009

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

Decision

The Committee is requested to approve the Fee rise schedule outlined below, namely fee rises in June 2009 and June 2011 at below the rate of annual inflation.

Background information

Fees need to be set at a level that ensures HPC can adequately fulfill its obligations as a UK Health Regulator. Since the formation of HPC, there has only been one fee rise commencing in June 2007. For renewal fees, this took effect on the anniversary of the renewal date after the fee rise date.

The Council meeting of 11 May 2006 agreed the following:

That HPC should aim to achieve a principle in the fees charged to Registrants of avoiding significant and deliberate fee cross-subsidisation.

That fee rises be made on a regular basis i.e. every two years , or more often in high inflationary periods.

That fees be set at a level to maintain the agreed reserves policy and ensure the financial viability of the HPC as an independent organisation. Refer minutes item 17.06/56.

	Actual 2005/06	Actual 2006/07	Budget 2007/08	Year 1 Forecast 2008/09	Year 2 Forecast 2009/10	Year 3 Forecast 2010/11	Year 4 Forecast 2011/12	Year 5 Forecast 2012/13
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fees								
Full Year Registration (Graduates)	30	30	50	50	53	53	56	56
Full Year Registration (Non Graduates)	60	60	50	50	53	53	56	56
Readmission	60	60	110	110	115	115	120	120
Renewal	60	60	72	72	76	76	80	80
International Scrutiny Fees	200	200	400	400	420	420	440	440
Grandparenting Scrutiny Fees	200	200	400	400	420	420	440	440

The Key Assumptions relating to the Fee Rise are those of the Five Year Plan as follows:

- The Plan omits Revalidation impacts. Fees would be adjusted to reflect the costs if and when Revalidation occurs.
- Three additional professions to be regulated in the next five years – Applied Psychologists, Healthcare Scientists A and Counsellors & Psychotherapists.
- Inclusion of the register of the Hearing Aid Dispensers from April 2009
- Decrease of 2% per annum cumulative on UK Graduate volumes
- Decrease of 5% per annum cumulative on International Registration volumes
- CPD Assessments to commence in July 2008
- Registrant fee rises to commence from June in the year of the rise and apply from the subsequent date of registration renewal
- No rephasing of the renewal dates
- Total site capacity of 138 desks/workstations including use of 22/26 Stannary St premises
- Council size of 20 from April 2008
- Online Applications & Online Renewals are introduced in June 2009
- A person based in Scotland from 2010/11
- 200 FTP cases transferred from the BPS in 2008/09

Resource implications

Project team

Financial implications

Project costs e.g. legal, IT, consultative and communications.

Appendices

Nil

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