

MINUTES of the sixth meeting of the Investigating Implementation Working Party held at 11.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 11th June 2002 in Meeting Room 1, Park House, 184 Kennington Park Road, London SE11 4BU.

Present: Mr.N.Willis (Chairman)
Mr.M.Barham
Mr.C.Lea
Miss M.Mackellar
Mr.W.Munro

In attendance: Mrs.L.A.Barnes (Working Party Secretary)
Mr.T.C.Berrie
Mr.G.Ross-Sampson
Mr.M.Seale (Chief Executive & Registrar)

Item 1. 02/34 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Mr.M.Collins, Ms.C.Farrell, Mr.P.Frowen, Mrs.J.Pearce and Miss G.Pearson.

Item 2. 02/35 MINUTES

The Chairman suggested that an additional item – Approval of Agenda – be included here, in line with current practise used at Council meetings.

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2002 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Item 3. 02/36 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

Item 4. 02/37 DRAFT INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE RULES

The Working Party received the final draft Investigating Committee Rules as amended by Jonathan Bracken.

Mr.Berrie required confirmation from Mr.Bracken that the interpretation of “Registrar” would include those authorised by the Registrar to act for him in any matter. (Jonathan Bracken later confirmed this to be the case).

The Investigating Committee

It was **AGREED** that the Committee would consist of not less than 5 full members and not less than 2 panel members.

Meetings

It was **AGREED** that the Committee would meet not less than twice a year.

Cases relating to a register entry

10(1)b and 10(5),(7) – “14 days” was replaced with “28 days”.

10(4)(b) – Concern was expressed that, as many professionals worked in education, there was no reference to educational authorities. (Mr.Bracken later confirmed that the establishments were as specified in the Order in Council, Article 3(5)(b)).

Clarification was to be sought from Mr.Bracken concerning the paragraph on criminal convictions. (Mr.Bracken later confirmed that this was a mandatory requirement and the paragraph would need to remain).

Item 5. 02/38 DRAFT RULES FOR SCREENERS

The Working Party received the final draft rules for screeners.

Clarification was to be sought from Mr.Bracken on whether ‘Rules’ would be required for mediators. (Mr.Bracken later confirmed that rules would not be required. It would be for separate screeners to undertake mediation (Article 24(3)(d) of the Order in Council refers).

Item 6. 02/39 DRAFT CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

The Working Party received the final draft consultation document and reviewed the final amendments. A later draft of the consultation document was used in conjunction with the draft provided.

Item 12.90 of the draft document was amended to – “The Committee, generally, will not undertake mediation itself but will refer mediation to suitably qualified screeners.”

Item 7. 02/40 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

Item 8. 02/41 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be on Tuesday, 1st October 2002 at 11.00 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

