

Council: 5 November 2014

Brief report of items discussed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council welcomed Professor Judith Ellis, new Chief Executive Officer and Jonathan Miall, Director of Business Development to their first Council meeting. Council noted this is the last meeting for Dr Simon Newell, Vice President for Training and Assessment. Dr Raj Verma will become the new Vice President for Training and Assessment on 4 March 2015.

GOVERNANCE REVIEW – NEXT STEPS FOLLOWING EGM

Council received a paper and verbal briefing from Professor Judith Ellis, CEO. Council also received a tabled paper analysing responses to the Way Forward email consultation which was sent to members on 23 October 2014. Council discussed the item and agreed to seek Privy Council support for introducing online and postal voting for General Meetings and the decisions requiring such remote voting at a General Meeting would need to be approved by Council. Council agreed to reaffirm its earlier in-principle agreement to introducing a smaller, skills-based Board of Trustees. Council agreed not to vote on the potential consultation proposal outlined in the written paper. Council agreed to send a statement to members from Council outlining what has been debated and agreed at this meeting and the next steps. Council approved the text of a statement on behalf of Council to be emailed to members.

TRUSTEE CODE OF CONDUCT

Council received a paper and verbal briefing from Graham Sleight, Head of Governance and Contracts, proposing a Code of Conduct for RCPCH Trustees. Council agreed to adopt the Code of Conduct for RCPCH Trustees as outlined at Annex A of the paper.

WORKFORCE CENSUS 2013 REPORT

Council received the final draft of the RCPCH Workforce Census 2013 report and presentation from Mr Martin McColgan, Workforce Information Officer. Council discussed the item and approved the publication and dissemination of the RCPCH Workforce Census 2013 report.

REVISION OF THE FACING THE FUTURE STANDARDS

Council received the paper on Revision of the Facing the Future standards from Dr Carol Ewing, Vice President for Health Policy, and Ms Isobel Howe, Policy Lead. Council discussed the item and agreed to support the revised standards as presented in the paper. The revised standards will be published by spring 2015.

INVITED REVIEW PROGRESS AND NEXT STEPS

Council received a written Invited Reviews progress report and verbal overview from Ms Sue Eardley, Head of Invited Reviews and discussed the item.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Council received a verbal update from Dr Hilary Cass on key issues and events since the last Council meeting and noted the College is moving towards a personalised website dashboard for members to be delivered in spring 2015.

HONORARY FELLOWSHIPS 2015

Council agreed that the following will receive Honorary Fellowships in 2015: Professor Dame Sue Bailey; Dr Chris Hanvey; Professor Shelley Heard; Dr John Jenkins; Dr Marian Malone; Dr Thomas McInerny; Dr Hassib Narchi; Dr Ann Prentice; Dr Angela Thompson; Dr Michael Watkinson; Professor Charlotte Wright.

JAMES SPENCE MEDAL 2015

Council agreed to award the 2015 James Spence Medal to Professor David Dunger.

2013/14 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Council received the 2013/14 Financial Statements paper and a verbal briefing from Lisa Kauffmann, Honorary Treasurer, and David Howley, Director of Corporate Services. Council approved: the 2013/2014 Financial Statements for the RCPCH; the 2013/2014 Financial Statements for British Paediatric Services Limited (BPSL); the 2013/2014 Financial Statements for RCPCH Publications Limited.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT

Council received a written report and a brief verbal update on key College activities from Professor Judith Ellis, CEO.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2013/14

Council received and noted the Key Performance Indicators 2013/14 Final Outturn Report from Ms Louise Frayne, Head of HR & Organisational Development.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Council received and discussed the motion regarding the next steps following the EGM which was proposed by Dr Rajeev Gupta and seconded by Dr Keith Brent. Council agreed that although it is not a usual agenda item, the motion would be discussed in these exceptional circumstances. Council agreed that the issues raised in the motion have been addressed by the email agreed by Council during the Governance Review - Next Steps Following EGM item. On this basis, Dr Rajeev Gupta withdrew the motion.

Chair: Dr Hilary Cass
Next meeting: 4 March 2015