

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council noted that this is first meeting for Dr Peter Dale (Officer for Training).

DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Council noted that the next meeting on Thursday 27 October 2016 will be the final Council meeting under the current governance structure.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Council received and noted a College Update paper and verbal briefing from Professor Judith Ellis, CEO. Council noted the 'newsflash' items, RCPCH Projects and Development Activities summary and accompanying RAG ratings. Council reviewed and discussed the RCPCH Risk Register and received a presentation from Professor Ellis on the RCPCH Three Year Strategy 2015-2018 outlining the key priorities, aims and KPIs of each stream for 2016-2017. Council also discussed the potential impact of the recent EU referendum result and noted that the remit of the RCPCH is to work to improve Child Health globally and will continue independent of the political system and across boundaries.

FINANCE UPDATE AND 2016/17 BUDGET TIMETABLE

Council received and noted the Finance Update and 2016/17 Budget Timetable paper from Mr David Howley, Director of Corporate Services. Council noted the financial performance for the first nine months of the year and the 2016/17 timetable. Council

approved the budget for 2016/2017.

GOVERNANCE REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION

Council received, discussed and noted a paper from Professor Judith Ellis, CEO, and Mr Graham Sleight, Head of Governance and Contracts and a verbal update from Mr Sleight. Council approved the proposals for creating the new Board of Trustees and Council at 2.2 to 2.6 of the document and delegated to Executive Committee the authority to agree any necessary operational decisions in the interim between now and the next meeting of Council. Council agreed the composition and scope of work for the Appointments Panel as outlined at 2.7 of the document.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Council received and noted a verbal update from Professor Neena Modi, President, including: The negative impact on science and the economy and the turmoil in the political system as a result of the EU referendum outcome; the rejection of the Junior Doctor settlement by a BMA referendum despite being recommended by the BMA; a recent Child Health Research Development Capacity Development Fund visit to India; the RCPCH request for an intergovernmental Child Health Strategy; RCPCH global activities and planned projects.

AGM MOTION/RCPCH AND COLLABORATION WITH INDUSTRY

Council received declarations of conflicts of interests for this item

in accordance with forms already filed and available on request from Professor Neena Modi, Professor Anne Greenough and Professor Nicholas Bishop. Council received a paper on the outcome of the 2016 AGM motion, noted the options for consideration and discussed the item. Council agreed that a key concern is the bad marketing practices said to be taking place in parts of the world. Council agreed that the motion was not accepted or rejected outright, but views from members were required to fully consider the issue. Council agreed that as Council was unable to reach a clear decision, further consultation with the Membership will commence. Council agreed to delegate drafting of the text and arrangements for the membership consultation to Executive Committee and for results to be presented to Council on 27 October 2016.

STATE OF CHILD HEALTH SERVICES

Council received a summary report outlining the extent to which child health is not visible within the current political environment and examples of promised actions. Council acknowledged that the content of the report was England-centric and a piece of work to similarly map the status within Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland will be completed in recognition of the devolution of service provision and structural differences. Council noted and discussed the key concerns within the report and ways to highlight the state of child health and a call to action. The Chair summarised that the RCPCH could both put forward solutions to address concerns and support

calls for full debate about the future of services.

JUNIOR DOCTOR CONTRACT

Council received a summary on the current position from Dr David James, (RCPCH Trainees' Committee Chair), an outline of the proposed new contractual terms and the result of the BMA's referendum released on 6 July 2016. Council discussed the item, agreed that there is a need to monitor fill rates across the four nations and noted thanks from junior doctors on behalf of their constituents recognising the efforts of the President in the dispute.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT MEASURES FOR ACUTE GENERAL PAEDIATRIC SERVICES

Council received and noted a paper and verbal outline from Dr Daniel Lumsden and Ms Rachel Winch, Workforce Projects Lead. Council agreed with the recommendation to adopt option one as outlined in the paper and thanked the team for a very good piece of work.

AOB - EU REFERENDUM

Council noted feedback from members that colleagues were feeling unsettled following the EU referendum due to the nature of the campaign and potential impact of the outcome. The Chair acknowledged these feelings and emphasised that the College empathised and sympathised with how many members were feeling and the importance of giving a clear message of support to members.

Chair: Professor Neena Modi
Next meeting: 27 October 2016