

# Council: 2 July 2014

## Brief report of items discussed

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council noted that it was the last meeting for Dr Chris Hanvey, CEO, as he will be retiring. Professor Judith Ellis has been appointed as new CEO and will commence her post on 22 September 2014.

### **FINANCE UPDATE**

Council received a paper and a brief verbal summary from David Howley, Director of Corporate Services, and noted the financial performance at period 8 and work undertaken.

### **BUDGET 2014/15**

Council discussed and approved the 2014/15 RCPCH Budget.

### **SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT**

Council received a written report and a brief verbal update on key College activities from Dr Chris Hanvey, CEO.

### **PRESIDENT'S UPDATE**

Council received a verbal update from Dr Hilary Cass on key issues and events since the last Council meeting and noted Dr Cass has spent time speaking to members in relation to the Governance Review including the Foundation of Child Health and work on the UK version of Paediatric Care Online has also taken up a considerable amount of her time.

### **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 and discussed the item. Council agreed not to publish the revision of the standards; Council agreed that regardless of the practicality, these are aspirational standards that RCPCH should be working towards; Council agreed this is the standard of care that RCPCH would wish to see for children; and Council agreed that following further amendments to the document over the summer, a final paper should be submitted to Council on 5 November 2014.

### **WORKFORCE UPDATE**

Council noted the content of the written report from Mr Martin McColgan, Workforce Information Officer, and a verbal update from Dr Simon Clark, the new Officer for Workforce Planning.

### **ACCEA 2014 UPDATE**

Council noted that post-regional ranking feedback may be given to individuals on request on the College process. Council noted that the College will be checking Good Standing for all applicants who have reached the National Ranking Committee this year.

### **GOVERNANCE REVIEW, FOUNDATION OF CHILD HEALTH AND EGM**

Council received a written report on the Governance Review and Foundation of Child Health: proposed revisions to the Royal Charter, Bye-laws and Regulations, and a presentation

from Ms Jackie Gallagher, Project Consultant, on the Executive Committee (EC) and Governance Review Project Board (GRPB) report and recommendations. Council discussed the item and agreed the revisions to the Royal Charter; Council agreed to the revisions to the Bye-laws subject to legal advice on Bye-law 12.5; Council agreed to the revisions to the Regulations subject to legal advice on Regulations 10.1, 10.4, 17.1 and 17.2; Council agreed to recommend a paediatric majority Board of Trustees to the EGM in September 2014; Council agreed EC and GRPB will work together to refine the details of the Terms of Reference for College Council and the Terms of Reference for Foundation Council.

#### **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 2014 PROCESS AND TIMING**

Council received a written report on the amended timings on for the 2014 Presidential election from Dr Ian Maconochie, Registrar, and Mr Graham Sleight, Head of Governance and Contracts. Council discussed the item and agreed to slightly delay the timescale for the 2014 Presidential election, resulting in a shortened President-Elect period of 4.5 months. Council agreed the Call for Nominations should make clear that regardless of the outcome of the EGM and the development of the Foundation of Child Health, the core role of the President in leading professional standards for paediatricians will be unchanged. Council agreed the President role description and person specification should explain that the President either will or will not be Chair of the Board of Trustees, dependent on the EGM outcome and will either work closely with the Chair of the

Foundation on specified broader child health areas of work or take overall leadership of the broader child health work. Therefore, candidates will be strongly advised to defer submitting their manifestos until after the EGM on 30 September, in order that their manifesto can correspond to the version of the President role description and person specification which is expected to be in force.

Chair: Dr Hilary Cass  
Next meeting: 5 November 2014