

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The new President, Professor Neena Modi, and Council welcomed new members Dr Bhanu Williams (International Officer), Dr Jane Valente (Officer for Examinations) and Dr David Evans (Officer for Assessment) to the meeting.

## **SHAPE OF TRAINING REVIEW WORKSHOP**

Council received a discussion document and a verbal briefing from Ms Julia O'Sullivan, Director of Education and Training. During a workshop, Council discussed three options; 1) Current training pathway leading to a Certificate of Specialty Training (CST) after 8 years; 2) 5 year training leading to CST and consultant appointment with the option of post-CST credentialing; 3) Eight year training leading to CST with an option to exit at the end of current level 2 with a Certificate of Paediatrics; includes 6 months GP training to support CEGPR. Also an option to undertake further training through credentialing and move to CST and a consultant post. Council gave feedback and agreed that a position statement will be drafted for approval adopting a training pathway drawing on the first and third options.

## **RCPCH STRATEGY/PRIORITIES**

Council received a presentation on the RCPCH Strategy/Priorities for the next three years from Professor Neena Modi, President, and agreed to support the main

thrust of the strategy going forward.

## **BUDGET 2015/16**

Council received and discussed a paper and verbal briefing from Mr David Howley, Director of Corporate Services and approved the management of the 2015-16 budget process and the 2015-16 RCPCH budget.

## **WEBSITE REDEVELOPMENT**

Council received and discussed a paper from Mr Alan McMahon,

Head of Information Systems and Ms Olivia Davenport, Head of Digital Communications. Council agreed that the website redesign should go ahead; to the budget request for the next 2-3 years; to commencement of a tender exercise for the research, design and build of the project.

## **PCO LICENCE FEE**

Council received and discussed a paper and verbal briefing from Mr Jonathan Miall, Director of Business Development. Council agreed that that further options on PCO licencing arrangements should be developed and presented to Council, which may be by email.

## **NEW TRUSTEE STRUCTURE**

Council received and noted a paper and verbal briefing from Mr Graham Sleight, Head of Governance and Contracts on the proposal to reduce the size of the College's Board of Trustees. Council agreed to replace the

term 'portfolio trustees' with 'trustees' and these four trustees should not have job descriptions mapping individually to the four elements of the College's Royal Charter aims. Council also agreed that the Chair of the Board of Trustees should be an independent/external Chair; the Board of Trustees should include a paediatrician Treasurer in addition to an external finance expert; that Trustees should be appointed against a person specification and that all UK and Ireland members should be entitled to apply for these posts; to the next steps as detailed in the document and to delegate the handling of any operational issues which do not affect the overall decisions made by Council to Executive Committee.

#### **EGM**

Council received and noted a paper and verbal briefing from Mr Graham Sleight, Head of Governance and Contracts. Council agreed to reduce the General Meeting quorum to 30 members for the September 2015 EGM only.

Chair: Professor Neena Modi  
Next meeting: 4 November 2015