Approved

Minutes of the Meeting of the General Dental Council held at 12:45pm on Wednesday 01 February 2017 in Closed Session at 37 Wimpole Street, London W1G 8DQ

Council Members present
William Moyes Chair
Terry Babbs
Catherine Brady
Rosemary Carter
Margaret Kellett
Kirstie Moons
David Smith
Jayendra Patel
Neil Stevenson

Executive in attendance:
Ian Brack Chief Executive
Graham Masters Director of Finance and Corporate Services
Gurvinder Soomal Executive Director, Registration and Corporate Services
Jonathan Green Executive Director, Fitness to Practise (FTP)
Matthew Hill Executive Director, Strategy
Sue Steen Interim Director of Governance and HR
Lisa-Marie Roca Principal Legal Adviser

Staff members in attendance:
Clare Mitchell Head of Governance
Ian Jackson Director for Scotland
Helen Elderfield Governance and Executive Support Manager

Invited Attendees:

PART ONE – PRELIMINARY ITEMS

1. Opening remarks, apologies for absence and declarations of interest

   1.1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

   1.2. Apologies for absence were received from Alan MacDonald, Geraldine Campbell and Lawrence Mudford.

   1.3. There were no additional declarations of interest pertaining to items on the agenda.
2. Minutes of meeting on 01 December 2016

Discussion

2.1. The draft minutes were considered and accepted as a true and accurate record of the discussions that took place at the meeting on 1 December 2016.

3. Matters arising from the meeting on 01 December 2016 and rolling actions list

Discussion

3.1. The Council noted that there were no outstanding actions from previous meetings.
3.2. It was noted that further information relating the Chair’s and Chief Executive’s objectives would be brought to the March Council meeting.

PART TWO – ITEMS FOR DECISION AND DISCUSSION

A – PATIENTS

4. Regulatory Reform

Discussion

4.1. Matthew Hill reiterated his remarks from the public session when he stated that publication of *Shifting the balance* offered a real opportunity to make progress on the reform agenda and that joint leadership from Council and the Executive Management Team was needed to ensure success.
4.2. Ian Brack reported on his recent attendance at the Chief Executives’ Legislative Group.

B – PROFESSIONALS

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C – PARTNERS

6. Horizon Scan

Discussion

6.1. It was agreed that there was an increasing expectation that the GDC would have an opinion or view on such areas where there were patient protection implications and, as a consequence, areas such as funding issues and CCGs should be better understood by the organisation.

D – PERFORMANCE

7. Chair’s Strategy Group Update

Discussion

7.1. Bill advised that an update of all the workstreams would be included in the next Council Bulletin and a summary would be prepared for the next Council meeting.
8. **Strategic Risk Register**

**Discussion**

8.1. Graham Masters presented the Strategic Risk Register (SRR). He reminded Council members that there was due to be a workshop session in March to consider risk appetite which would inform the target scores for the SRR for the remainder of the year.

9. **Lessons Learned – Council member's suspension**

**Discussion**

9.1. Ian Brack introduced the paper which he advised represented the outcome of a three stage process: consideration of the investigation and the governance and liaison processes and subsequently, feedback. This had given greater understanding of the greater risks faced by registrant members of the Council.

**PART THREE – ITEMS FOR NOTING**

10. **Recent Judicial Review Decision**

**Resolution**

The Council resolved to:

R.1 **Note** the details of this litigation.

**PART FOUR – CONCLUSION OF BUSINESS**

11. **Any Other Business**

11.1. Bill Moyes advised that the Privy Council had confirmed his reappointment as Chair of the Council for a further four years and that he had accepted.

12. **Review of the meeting**

12.1. Members agreed that good discussions had taken place on each agenda item.

13. **Close of the meeting**

13.1. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 13:30.

**Date of next meeting:** 16 March 2017

**Name of Chair:**
William Moyes