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**Minutes of the Meeting of the
General Dental Council
held at 11:50am on Thursday 16 March 2017
in Closed Session
at 37 Wimpole Street, London W1G 8DQ**

Council Members present

William Moyes	Chair
Terry Babbs	
Catherine Brady	
Geraldine Campbell	
Rosemary Carter	
Margaret Kellett	
Alan MacDonald	
Kirstie Moons	
Lawrence Mudford	
David Smith	
Neil Stevenson	

Executive in attendance:

Ian Brack	Chief Executive and Registrar
Graham Masters	Director of Finance and Corporate Services
Gurvinder Soomal	Executive Director, Registration and Corporate Services
Jonathan Green	Executive Director, Fitness to Practise (FTP) (from item 12)
Matthew Hill	Executive Director, Strategy
Sue Steen	Interim Director of Governance and HR
Lisa-Marie Roca	Principal Legal Adviser
Lisa Cunningham	Head of Communications

Staff members in attendance:

Clare Mitchell	Head of Governance
Ian Jackson	Director for Scotland (not present after item 7)
Helen Elderfield	Governance and Executive Support Manager
Katherine McGirr	Policy Manager (Item 2)
Jessica Rothnie	Policy Manager (Item 2)
Janet Collins	Head of Standards (Item 2)
Melanie Stewart	Head of Finance (Item 7)
Sam Clements	Risk Manager (Item 9)

Invited Attendees:

Elisabetta Zanon	Head of the NHS Confederation's NHS Europe Office (Item 6)
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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 Jayendra Patel and from Jonathan Green whose attendance was delayed.

1.3. There were no declarations of interest pertaining to items on the agenda.

3. Minutes of meeting on 1 February 2017

Discussion

3.1. An amendment was suggested to paragraph 6.1 relating to discussions arising from the Horizon Scan report, to clarify that the contract referred to was the dental contract.

3.2. The draft minutes were considered and accepted as a true and accurate record of the discussions that took place on 1 February 2017.

4. Matters arising from the meeting on 1 February 2017 and rolling actions list

Discussion

4.1. The Council noted progress made with actions arising from previous meetings.

4.2. Concerning action 152, the preparation of a statement on the GDC's stance regarding the dental contract, Matthew Hill advised that he was preparing a paper for Council's consideration.

PART TWO – ITEMS FOR DECISION AND DISCUSSION

A –PATIENTS

2. Results of Fitness to Practise data analysis

Discussion

2.1. Katherine McGirr joined the meeting to present the results of the data analysis and was supported by Janet Collins and Jessica Rothnie.

2.2. Council members considered the publication plan and what additional context was required.

B – PROFESSIONALS

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C – PARTNERS

5. Horizon Scan

Discussion

5.1. Lisa Cunningham presented the horizon scan paper which gave an update on the environment in which the GDC operates.

5.2. Ian Brack expanded on the implications for the profession of the UK exiting the EU.

5.3. Bill Moyes reported on positive discussions regarding the establishment of the college of dentistry which had the GDC's support.

6. PSA Symposium presentation on leaving the EU

Discussion

- 6.1. Elisabetta Zanon, Director NHS European Office, NHS Confederation joined the meeting to give a presentation entitled Regulating in an age of uncertainty: managing risk and changing environments.
- 6.2. Council members welcomed the presentation which gave some useful insights into the implications for dentistry and the GDC on the UK's exit from the EU.

D –PERFORMANCE

7. Finance Update

Discussion

- 7.1. Melanie Stewart joined the meeting and presented the slides showing the updated finance position.

8. Chair and Chief Executive Officer Objectives

Discussion

- 8.1. Ian Brack introduced the paper which was produced as an action arising from discussions at the December 2016 Council meeting.
- 8.2. Council members agreed that the additional metrics gave the detail that was sought on performance measures for each of the objectives, and that the proposed reporting methodology was suitable.

9. Risk Update

Discussion

- 9.1. Sam Clements gave the Council an update on risk management, Gurrinder having explained that the full strategic risk register would be presented to the next Council meeting following its review by the Audit and Risk Committee at their next meeting.

10. Accommodation issues and GDC Estate Strategy

Discussion

- 10.1. Ian Brack updated the Council on recent discussions that had taken place at the Chair's Strategy Group and the Finance and Performance Committee relating to short and medium term estates matters.

11. Chair's Strategy Group update

Discussion

- 11.1. Bill Moyes gave Council members an update on the work of the Chair's Strategy Group (CSG) and proposed that the group continue to meet until the end of Q3 2017. He gave an overview of the items that the group had considered to date, and their status, explaining how the list of topics was compiled. It was noted that the six to seven week meeting interval gave sufficient time for the executive to have made some progress for discussion at the next meeting.

PART THREE – ITEMS FOR NOTING

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PART FOUR – CONCLUSION OF BUSINESS

12. Any Other Business

12.1. No matters were raised.

13. Review of the meetings

13.1. Council members agreed that the previous day's workshop had been very well received and had brought out some important issues for future consideration particularly in regard to risk appetite.

13.2. Council members agreed that the papers presented were more strategic in focus and were well reasoned.

14. Close of the meeting

14.1. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 14:55.

Date of next meeting: 11 May 2017.

Name of Chair:

William Moyes