Council Members present:

William Moyes  Chair
Terry Babbs
Catherine Brady
Geraldine Campbell
Jeyanthi John
Margaret Kellett
Sheila Kumar
Caroline Logan
Kirstie Moons
Crispin Passmore

Executive in attendance:

Ian Brack  Chief Executive and Registrar
Jonathan Green  Executive Director, Fitness to Practise (FtP)
Matthew Hill  Executive Director, Strategy
Gurvinder Soomal  Executive Director, Registration and Corporate Resources
Lisa Cunningham  Head of Communications
Lisa-Marie Roca  Principal Legal Adviser

Staff in attendance:

Clare Mitchell  Head of Governance
Ian Jackson  Director for Scotland
Sam Clements  Head of Risk Management and Internal Audit (Item 5)
Mohit Abbi  Interim Governance Manager

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. The Chair extended a warm welcome to Caroline Logan, Crispin Passmore, Jeyanthi John, and Sheila Kumar to their first meeting as Council Members.

   1.3. Apologies for absence were received from Anne Heal (Council Member), Lawrence Mudford (Council Member) and Bobby Davis (Executive Director, Organisational Development).
1.4. Anne Heal and Sheila Kumar expressed a declaration of interest in relation to the Chair’s Strategy Group item. There were no other declarations of interest expressed pertaining to items on the agenda.

1.5. The Chair explained that the agenda was lighter than usual because a number of items that would normally be considered in October were taken to Council in September due to changes in the Council’s membership.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meetings

2.1. The draft minutes were considered and accepted as a true and accurate record of the discussions that took place at the Closed Council meeting on 28 September 2017.

3. Matters arising from the Closed Council meeting held on 28 September 2017 and rolling actions list

3.1. The Council noted progress made against actions arising from previous meetings.

4. Decisions log

4.1. The Council noted that no decisions had been taken by Committees under delegated powers since the meeting on 28 September 2017.

4.2. The Council noted that no matters had been decided by Chair’s action since the meeting on 28 September 2017.

PART TWO – ITEMS FOR DECISION AND DISCUSSION

5. Strategic Risk Register: Risk Update

5.1. Sam Clements joined the meeting. He explained that the full Strategic Risk Register (SRR) would be presented to the next Council meeting following review by the Audit and Risk Committee at its next meeting on 1 November 2017. The Council was informed that, whilst all risks had been updated and considered, there had been no significant amendments, additions or risks made dormant since the last iteration of the SRR presented to the Council in September.

6. Horizon Scanning Report

6.1. Lisa Cunningham introduced the Horizon Scanning report, outlining highlights from the external environment, including: a detailed briefing on the possible implications for the GDC regarding the UK’s exit from the EU; the lack of government in Northern Ireland; and developments in health policy and the health sector, dentistry and the dental sector.

7. Decision Scrutiny Group

7.1. Ian Brack introduced the paper, outlining the role of the Decision Scrutiny Group (DSG), how the group would discharge its duties, the role of the DSG Chair, the plans for the transitional period, and the risks and benefits to the proposal.

8. Chair’s Strategy Group Update

8.1. William Moyes gave Council members an update on the work of the Chair’s Strategy Group (CSG). The Council approved the continuation of the Group for a further six-month period with a revised membership.
PART THREE – CONCLUSION OF BUSINESS

9. Any Other Business
   9.1. No additional matters were raised for discussion.

10. Review of the Meeting
    10.1. Council members reflected on the meeting and agreed that good ideas had been generated and that there had been a robust and candid discussion.

11. Close of the Meeting
    11.1. There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11:00am.

Date of next meeting: 13 December 2017

Name of Chair:
William Moyes