Terms of Reference: **Policy and Research Board**

**Key Purpose**

The Policy and Research Board will provide oversight of the development and implementation of strategy, policy and research initiatives and report on them to the Council. In doing so the Policy and Research Board will work with the Executive to ensure that strategy and policy making is coordinated across the GDC, liaising with other committees as appropriate.

**Terms of reference**

S.1 To engage the GDC’s key stakeholders in the key activities of the Board including, the development and dissemination of research, the development and implementation of current and future policy and the development and implementation of the GDC’s strategy.

S.2 To oversee a programme of research to inform our work, focussing on the attitudes, expectations and experiences of patients, the views of dental professionals and the practical implications for dental practice in different settings.

S.3 To oversee the development of an “upstream” regulatory model based on promoting professionalism, including in relation to education and training, and reducing the GDC’s reliance on enforcement activities.

S.4 To ensure that effective horizon scanning is undertaken in areas such as changing stakeholder expectations, variations in models of dental care delivery, use of new technology, and wider changes and developments in regulation of healthcare and other relevant sectors.

S.5 To work with the executive on changes to the corporate strategy for approval by the Council.

S.6 To approve an annual Policy and Research Board work plan proposed by the executive.