

Health Committee 5 February 2009

Election of Chair

Executive summary and recommendations

**Introduction**

Professor Tony Hazell resigned from Council with effect from 11 December 2008 and therefore the post of Chair of the Committee is currently vacant. The Vice-Chair of the Committee, Mrs Jacqueline Pearce, will chair the meeting for this item.

**Decision**

The Committee is asked to nominate a person to be appointed by the Council as Chair.

In the event that the Vice-Chair is nominated as the Chair, the Committee will be asked to nominate a new Vice-Chair to be appointed by the Council

**Background information**

The process for election of Committee Chairs was agreed at the Council meeting on 12 July 2005. A copy of the process is attached.

**Resource implications**

None.

**Financial implications**

None.

**Appendices**

Process for the election of Committee Chairs

**Date of paper**

23 January 2009

## Process for the election of Chairmen of Committees

### Introduction

The Health Professions Order 2001 provides for all Committee appointments (including sub-committees) to be made by the Council and, therefore, the appointment of Committee chairmen is made by the Council and not the Committee concerned.

### Process

- At its first meeting, each committee is asked to nominate a person to be appointed by the Council as chairman of that committee.
- In the event that only one member is nominated then, unless the Council decides to the contrary, that person will be appointed as Chairman.
- If more than one member is nominated or the committee cannot agree on a nomination, then, in relation to the candidates nominated or who have put themselves forward, a secret ballot will be conducted by the Secretary of the Committee among the members of Committee present.
- Before the ballot is conducted each candidate will be given the opportunity, if they so wish, to address the Committee for not more than five minutes.
- The members nominated may scrutinise the ballot process or appoint another member to do so on their behalf.
- The Registrar will announce the result of the ballot to the meeting and the winning candidate will be appointed as Chairman.
- The term of office of Chairmen is two years.

*Agreed at 12 July 2005 Council meeting*

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