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Education Visits – Publication of Visit Reports and Policy Document for Accreditation and Quality Assurance of Education and Training

For consideration

Issue:

In the last CHRE Performance Review in March 2009 the Education Department was asked to justify the GOC policy not to publish the outcome and reports of its quality assurance visits to training institutions and scheme providers, given that other regulators do. In the recently published 2009/10 standards, the CHRE have included a requirement for the GOC to publish its visit outcomes and approval decisions.

As a consequence of this the Director of Education undertook a review of the options, taking account of our obligations under the Freedom of Information and Data Protection Acts and the policies adopted by other Regulators.

The findings and conclusions of that review are provided in the attached paper.

Recommendation(s):

Council is invited to consider the recommendation of the Director of Education, supported by Education Committee, that the attached proposal be adopted by the GOC as its policy in respect of the publication of visit outcomes.

Council is also asked to note the revised Accreditation Policy document and Visit Conditions and Recommendations template. These documents have been produced to formally and clearly document the process of accreditation and quality assurance undertaken by the GOC to ensure a robust and transparent process that will stand up to external scrutiny.

Annexes:

The following annexes are attached to this paper:

- Annex 1: Summary of policies of other Regulators
- Annex 2: Freedom of Information Advice
- Annex 3: Accreditation Policy & Procedure
- Annex 4: Visit Conditions and Recommendations Template

Further information:

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