

COUNCIL

Actions arising from public Council meetings

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Purpose

1. This paper provides Council with progress made on actions from the last public meeting along with any other actions which are outstanding from previous meetings.
2. The paper is broken down into 3 parts: (1) action points relating to the last meeting, (2) action points from previous meetings which remain outstanding, and (3) action points previously outstanding but now completed. Once actions are complete and have been reported to Council they will be removed from the list.

Part 1: Action points from the Council meeting held on 09 May 2018

Ref	by	Action	Deadline	Notes
04(18) 09/05/18 (8718)	AB	Chief Executive & Registrar's report: (Consultation Plan): present a comprehensive account of planned communications with registrants, including informal consultations.	July 2018 Council	COMPLETED: included in the Interim Chief Executive and Registrar's report (C24(18)).
05(18) 09/05/18 (8721)	AB /CH /MD /PM	Education Strategic Review (ESR) consultation analysis and next steps: present a combined plan for our future work on ESR/ CET/Education QA	July 2018 Council	IN PROGRESS: updates on activity and next steps are in the Chief Executive and Registrar's report (C24(18)). We will provide a combined timeline at the Council meeting in Sept 2018.
06(18) 09/05/18 (8724)	MD	Continuing Education & Training (CET): i. undertake an impact assessment on the arrangements for the transitional year to ensure mitigating actions are identified to ensure no disproportionate impacts, for example on registrants on career breaks; and	Q3 2018/19	IN PROGRESS: To be conducted as part of the upcoming consultation on CET launching in July 2018 – questions relating to impact will be included as part of the consultation.

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09/05/18 (8724)	MD	ii. include break points in the IT system contract to ensure contractual flexibility.	Q2 2018/19	COMPLETED: The formal structure of the tender had already been published from which point it is extremely difficult to change terms without restarting the process from scratch. Additionally this is a contract to support a full CET cycle, changing provider mid-way through is extremely challenging. There are sufficient controls within the contract to ensure the supplier maintains service standards.
07(18) 09/05/18 (8727)	AB/MB	Non-EEA route to registration for optometrists: i. clarify the purpose of the interview in the guidance; and	May 2018	COMPLETED: we took on board this point in finalising the guidance for potential applicants.
09/05/18 (8727)	AB/MB	ii. correct the inconsistency between paragraph 15.4.1 of the paper and the table on page four.	May 2018	COMPLETED: this point has been addressed.
08(18) 09/05/18 (8730)	LD/KW	Performance report Q4 re FTP glide paths: send the revised glide paths to Council ensuring it includes performance against the FTP recovery plan in addition to actual performance.	18 May 2018	IN PROGRESS: the complete FTP Glidepath will be presented to Council for its next review of quarterly performance in September 2018. It is being revised following a delay in recruitment.
09(18) 09/05/18 (8731)	NE/RM /SG	Performance report Q4 re GDPR and data security incidents: i. put a statement on the GOC website and/or all registrant communications confirming the GOC's GDPR compliance; and	July 2018	COMPLETED: we updated the privacy statement on the website, tweeted a link to it and will include a link in next registrants' eBulletin.
10(18) 09/05/18 (8731)	NE/RM	ii. provide more information at the next meeting on data security incidents.	July 2018	COMPLETED: included in the Chief Executive and Registrar's report (C24(18)).

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11(18) 09/05/18 (8731)	AB/DR	Performance report Q4 re legislative reform: provide a fuller update on this at the July meeting.	July 2018	COMPLETED: please refer to the Interim Chief Executive and Registrar's report (C24(18)).

Part 2: Action points from previous meetings which remain outstanding

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24(17) 15/11/17 (8679)	PM	Registration Fees Rules: undertake work to look at whether education providers should be charged for accreditation	2018/19	NOT YET DUE: this will be part of a wider review which we will consider as part of our 18/19 business planning.
20(17) 15/11/17 (8673)	NH	Vision and safe driving: explore a joint initiative between the GOC, DVLA and other relevant optical bodies to raise the consciousness of the public protection issues in this area.	Q4 2018	IN PROGRESS: we will be consulting on draft guidance on vision in Q4 2018/19 and driving and will use this as an opportunity to raise awareness of the relevant public protection issues.
21(17) 15/11/17 (8674)	DR/AJ	Public Perceptions research: question more creatively presumptions that more automation and artificial intelligence would equate to less human interaction, to ensure patients understand the impact of technological change on the role of registrants.	2018/19	NOT YET DUE: this will be considered when the scope of our next public perceptions research study is agreed.
15(17) 15/11/17 (8666)	CH	Education Strategic Review (ESR): i. give further thought to how additional qualifications fit in with the review; and	Q3 2018/19	IN PROGRESS: we have taken this into account in taking forward the development of standards for education providers and of learning outcomes.
15(17) 15/11/17 (8666)	CH	ii. consider arrangements which might be needed post Brexit	Q3 2018/19	IN PROGRESS: we will continue to monitor the likely implications of Brexit and consider any impacts specific to education following the planned consultation.

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08(17) 26/07/17 (8636)	CH	Education strategic review: engage with other members such as the Investigation committee, Education visitor panel and the hearing panellists in order to further broaden the input of views.	Q3 2018/19	IN PROGRESS: we intend to hold an inter-committee meeting in the autumn in parallel with consulting on the proposed new education standards and learning outcomes.
26(16) 16/11/16 (8537)	LD	2016 registrant survey results: share more learning with registrants on FTP issues and outcomes to enable them to feel more confident in raising concerns.	Q2 18/19	NOT YET DUE: we will explore these issues in more detail as part of the consultation in respect of business standards
14(16) 26/07/16 (8484)	PM	Accreditation and quality assurance framework for education: Companies committee to receive the new Framework at their next meeting.	Q2 / Q3 18/19	NOT YET DUE: We will review the accreditation and quality assurance framework in revising the related operational handbooks.

Part 3: Action points previously outstanding but now completed

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24(17) 15/11/17 (8679)	MW	Registration Fees Rules: give consideration to introducing a fine for late payment in future years if it was considered necessary.	Q1 2018/19	COMPLETED: renewal closed on 31 March 2018. The switch to a prompt payment discount has removed the need for a late payment fee.