

Council, 23 March 2023

Matters arising

Introduction

Below is the actions list, as agreed at the previous public meetings of the Council.

	Action point (and location in minutes)	Action for	Comment			
	23 February 2023					
1	Item 3. 23/8 Fitness to Practise Performance Report The Council asked that graph axes be labelled. (3.9)	Interim Executive Director of Regulation	Will be included in the next iteration.			
	Item 4. 23/9 Registration Fees Consultation					
2	The Council discussed the difficulty of implementing a system to provide a fee discount to those on low incomes and the expense this would incur. The Council agreed with the Executive recommendation that this could not be taken forward due to the cost but asked that the complexity of introducing such a system be more clearly explained within the consultation response document. (4.8)	Executive Director of Resources and Business Performance	Complete – included in consultation response document to be reviewed and approved by the Chair of Council.			
3	Item 5. 23/10 Preceptorship Principles Consultation The Council noted the use of the term allied health professions when presenting the principles and highlighted that not all HCPC regulated professions were included in that term, clinical scientists being an example. The Council asked if the Chief Scientific Officers of the four nations had been engaged in the development of the principles. The Policy Lead agreed to review the engagement and revert back to the Council. (5.5)	Executive Director of Governance Assurance and Planning	While registrants from both professions had responded to the consultation the Policy Lead has actioned the need to further engage with these registrant groups and their representatives across the UK over the next stages of this work. This will be addressed in the development of the supporting guidance, and in the creation of an implementation framework for England, being undertaken by Health Education England, both planned for publication later in the year.			
	28 September 2022					
	Item 4. 22/111 Fitness to Practise Report					
4	The Council noted that following its decision to seek legislative change to enable virtual hearings to	Interim Executive	Between 1 April 2022 and 28 February 2023 we have held 248			

	continue on a permanent basis, the majority of hearings remained virtual. Data on the split between in person and virtual hearings would be included in future papers.(4.9)	Director of Regulation	substantive final hearings. Of those final hearings 230 were held virtually, 14 were in-person and 4 were hybrid hearings. During the same period we have also held 472 other hearing types, of which 450 were held virtually, 11 were in-person and none were held in a hybrid format.	
5	Item 11. 22/118 Any other business The Council took an action to include a discussion on the Disclosure and Barring Service as relating to registrants at a future meeting. (11.2)	Executive Director of Governance Assurance and Planning	To be scheduled in 2023.	
26 May 2022				
6	The Council welcomed the proposed inclusion of a sustainability KPI but did not consider that energy consumption was the most useful metric. The Council also agreed that sustainability should be a focus on a future Council seminar. The Executive Director of Resource and Business Performance agreed to consider alternative KPIs for sustainability. (7.6)	Executive Director of Resources and Business Performance	Sustainability metrics under development with outside expertise and drawing on practice by other healthcare regulators, for presentation to PRC in Q1 23-24	

Decision

The Council is requested to note the actions. No decision is required.

Background information

Public Minutes of the Council meetings referred to.

Date of paper

15 March 2023