

## **Membership of External Groups**

### **Executive Summary and Recommendations**

#### **Introduction**

As an important part of your role on the Health Professions Council members represent the Council on the committees of external bodies. In order to strengthen the HPC's corporate governance the Executive recommends that the Council put in place a policy in relation to nomination to external bodies.

#### **Decision**

The Council is requested to agree the following policy;

- (i) Council and committee members should only be nominated to committees of external bodies following formal consideration and agreement of the nomination at a meeting of the relevant statutory committee or of Council. Nominations by non-statutory committees to external bodies must be ratified by the parent committee.
- (ii) Members may only represent the HPC on external bodies during their term of membership of Council or the relevant committee.
- (iii) The Secretary to the committee making the nomination must retain details of the name and address of the body to which the nomination has been made and the term of the nomination.
- (iv) Details of the nomination will be displayed on the HPC website.
- (v) Current membership of external bodies will be reviewed following the Council elections in July 2005 and thereafter annually following the elections.

The above policy does not alter the decision taken by Council in July 2004 that members should not be co-opted as a representative of the HPC onto the Boards or Council of other organizations without the specific agreement of Council.

**Background information**

None

**Resource implications**

None

**Financial implications**

None

**Background papers**

None

**Appendices**

None