

shall apply in respect of those standards as if they were standards established under article 15(1)(a).” This raised a number of issues which were outlined in the paper.

- 9.3 The Council noted that the issues raised were of such complexity that they warranted much in-depth discussion. The Council therefore agreed to establish a Professional Liaison Group (PLG) to take this matter forward. The PLG would produce an initial report which would outline what action was proposed. This report would be presented to Council for ratification. Following this the PLG would consider how to implement the actions proposed in the initial report before a formal consultation was undertaken.

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Item 10.05/385 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF PROFESSIONAL BODY COUNCILS/BOARDS

- 10.1 The Council received a paper for discussion/approval from the Executive.
- 10.2 The Council noted that a number of registrant Council members had asked if the HPC had an agreed position with regard to their attendance at Council meetings of their respective professional bodies. In the past the HPC had treated such requests on an ad-hoc basis.
- 10.3 The Council noted that occasional attendance by Council members at meetings of Professional Body Councils/Boards was a valuable means of communication however it was important that the basis of members attendance at these meetings was made clear and that members were not regarded as the HPC representative on the Board of the Professional Body or the Professional Body representative on the Health Professions Council.
- 10.4 The Council agreed attendance allowance and expenses would only be payable by the HPC for attendance at meetings of Professional Body Councils/Boards where a formal request was received by the Health Professions Council from the Professional Body. In this case the invitation should be extended to both lay and registrant Council members. In all other cases attendance allowance and expenses would not be payable.

Item 11.05/386 NOMINATION OF CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE

- 11.1 The Council received a paper for discussion/approval from the Executive.
- 11.2 The Council noted that the first meeting of the Health Committee following the Council elections, the Committee nominated Professor T

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