Agenda Item 18

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Education and Training Committee

POLICY STATEMENT ON SHUTTING DOWN COURSES AND TRANSFER OF STUDENTS

From the Secretary

for discussion and agreement

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1. Background

The HPO makes explicit reference to HPC using its best endeavours to relocate students on courses from which it has to withdraw approval.

2. Current Position

There was no provision for this in the PSM Act.

3. Options

Options do not in fact exist here because HPC has no power or capacity to undertake the actual activity of relocating students and no authority to incur any expenditure on it.

The responsibility, liability, and duty of care for students lies exclusively with the institutions delivering (and awarding) approved provision and the HPO cannot change this.

4. Recommendations and Timetable

It is recommended that the Committee adopts the following position and could publish it forthwith,

"HPC will use its good offices and best endeavours to help relocate students from courses which have to be closed."