

To note

Council forward work programme 2015

Issue

- 1** An update on Council's proposed forward work programme for 2015, which will be brought to Council for approval at its meeting on 24 February 2015 to enable a further review in early 2015 following the appointment of the new Chair of Council.

Recommendation

- 2** Council is asked to note its proposed forward work programme for 2015.

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- 3** Council agreed the current governance model and ways for working in early 2013, including that the forward work programme (which is maintained by the Council Secretariat) would be kept under review and updated as required. Council agreed its 2014 forward work programme at its meeting on 10 December 2013, and agreed the 2015 meeting schedule in February 2014, including that there would be four Council meetings in 2015 which would include seminar and closed session discussions, subject to the requirements of the forward work programme, with provision for two additional meetings if required, and an awayday.
- 4** The proposed work programme for 2015 (at Annex A) has been derived from ongoing and new work arising from the Corporate Strategy, Equality and Diversity Strategy, 2014/15 Business Plans, and Council's corporate governance responsibilities, and reflects the issues which will require Council's consideration. The work programme reflects the anticipated timetable associated with issues requiring reporting to or consideration by Council, and may be subject to further changes as priorities change, as new issues arise, or because of external factors which impact on our work.
- 5** The work programme will be further developed following ongoing work to review and finalise Directorates' Operational Plans, and the executive Boards' forward work programmes for 2015. This work is being undertaken in parallel with the final stage of work to complete the 2015 Business Plan and Budget, which is on the agenda for Council's approval at this meeting (agenda item 6).
- 6** The Chair designate, Terence Stephenson, will take up office on 1 January 2015. To allow time for his consideration of the forward work programme and further discussion with Council members and members of the Executive in January 2015, and for Council to consider how it wishes to take forward any relevant recommendations from the current Council effectiveness review, it is proposed that the final work programme is brought back to Council for approval at its meeting on 24 February 2015.

Supporting information

How this issue relates to the corporate strategy and business plan

- 8 Strategic aim 5 of the Corporate Strategy: to work better together to improve our overall effectiveness, our responsiveness and the delivery of our regulatory functions.

If you have any questions about this paper please contact: Christine Payne, Head of Governance, cpayne@gmc-uk.org, 020 7189 5422.

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Current expectations for the Council work programme in 2015 are set out below:

Date and Time	Meeting
Tuesday 24 February 2015, 10:00-13:00	COUNCIL
<p>Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CE's Report ■ COO's Report ■ People Strategy ■ Outcome of Consultation on Insurance and Indemnity and Draft Regulations ■ Consultation on Time Limits for Publication of Fitness to Practise Sanctions Information tbc ■ Report on the Outcome of the Consultation on Indicative Sanctions Guidance and the role of apology and warnings ■ Consultation on Section 60 Order on Adjudication and draft Rules tbc ■ 2014 Human Resources Report <p>Below the line</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Council forward work programme 2015 ■ 2016 meeting schedule ■ Response to the BIS consultation on the transposition of the EU Directive on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications ■ Report on outcomes of Tracking Survey ■ Draft guidance on Cosmetic Practice – consultation 	

Date and Time	Meeting
Tuesday 2 June 2015, 10:00-13:00 (Manchester)	COUNCIL
<p>Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CE's Report ■ COO's Report ■ Report of the Chair of the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service ■ Trustees Annual Report and Accounts 2014 ■ Fitness to Practise Statistics Report 2014 ■ Report of the Audit and Risk Committee 	

- Change to governance of MPTS arising from Section 60 Order
- Report on Outcome of Consultation on Education and Training Standards including approval of final standards
- Review of the case for a National Licencing Examination
- Evaluation of Revalidation – interim report and plan of actions
- Results of the 2014 Staff Survey

Date and Time	Meeting
Wednesday 30 September 2015, 10:00-13:00	COUNCIL
<p>Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CE's Report ■ COO's Report ■ Review of Professional Standards Authority Performance Review Report 2014/15 findings ■ Review of Council appointments process ■ Report of the review of whistleblowing guidance ■ Report on Outcome of Consultation on Credentialing tbc ■ <p>Below the line</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Outcome of consultation on Time Limits for publication of fitness to practise sanctions information 	

Date and Time	Meeting
Thursday 10 December 2015, 10:00-13:00	COUNCIL
<p>Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CE's Report ■ COO's Report ■ Report of the Chair of the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service ■ 2016 Business Plan and Budget ■ Report of the Audit and Risk Committee ■ Report of the Remuneration Committee ■ Council forward work programme 2016 ■ Report on outcomes of consultation on guidance for Cosmetic Practice <p>Below the line</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Report of the Performance and Resources Board 2015 ■ Report of the Strategy and Policy Board 2015 	