

Report on material decisions of the Special Purposes Committee

From: Ms. Katherine Morrow, President, and Chair of the Special Purposes Committee.

The Special Purposes Committee met online on Thursday, 14 September 2023. The agenda items below reflect the material decisions made by the Committee at its meeting on 14 September 2023. The agenda from the meeting can be found in Appendix 1.

Agenda Item E – Appointments to Disciplinary Committees and the Establishment of a Panel to Fill Future Vacancies.

The Committee considered vacancies arising on the Disciplinary Committees as follows:

1. A Council member on the Health Committee
2. Chair of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee
3. Acting Chair of the Professional Conduct Committee
4. Chair of the Health Committee
5. Two pharmacy owner vacancies arising in September in relation to the Professional Conduct Committee and the Health Committee. Note: The Reserve Panel that is currently in operation, until the end of 2023, to fill upcoming vacancies on the Disciplinary Committees has been exhausted with regard to pharmacy owners.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to recommend the following appointments to Council, for approval, at its meeting on 5 October 2023:

Council Member on the Health Committee

No expressions of interest were received from Council members and the President agreed to approach individual Council members to try and fill the vacancy and for any recommendation to be ratified by the Committee by email.

Pharmacy Owners

- That Mr. Ronan Sheridan be appointed to the Health Committee for a term of four years.
- That Ms. Deirdre Butler be appointed to the Professional Conduct Committee for a term of four years.
- That Mr. Mark Phillips be appointed to the Reserve Panel to fill future vacancies arising. The Reserve Panel will be established for a period of four years.

Chairs/Acting Chairs of the Disciplinary Committees

- That Ms. Jill Long be appointed Chair of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee for the remainder of her term on the Committee.
- That Mr. Hugo Bonar be appointed Acting Chair of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee for the remainder of his term on the Committee.
- That Ms. Susan Ahern be appointed Acting Chair of the Professional Conduct Committee for the remainder of her term on the Committee.
- That Mr. John O'Malley be appointed as Chair of the Health Committee for the remainder of his term on the Committee.
- That Mr. Michael Conor Heaney be appointed as Acting Chair of the Health Committee, for a term of four years.
- That the following individuals be appointed to the Reserve Panel to fill future vacancies arising in the role of Chair/Acting Chair on the Disciplinary Committees:
 - Mr. Paul Ard
 - Dr. Elaine Byrne
 - Mr. John Naughton
 - Mr. David O'Brien

Agenda Item F – Appointments to Advisory Committees and the Business Transformation Programme Board

All Council members are expected to sit on at least one Advisory Committee. A number of vacancies have arisen following the completion of the maximum term of office of two current members of the Advisory Committees, the appointment of new members of Council and the appointment of a new President.

The Committee considered the expressions of interest received to fill the following vacancies:

1. Chair of the Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee
2. Membership of the Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee
3. Membership of the Performance and Resources Committee
4. Membership of the Audit and Risk Committee
5. Membership of the Business Transformation Programme Board

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to recommend the following appointments to Council for approval at its meeting on 5 October 2023:

- That Mr. Rory O' Donnelly be appointed as Chair of the Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee for a period of two years or until he ceases to be a member of Council, whichever the sooner.
- That Mr. Mark Jordan be appointed to the Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee for a period of two years or until he ceases to be a member of Council, whichever the sooner.
- That Ms. Geraldine Crowley be appointed to the Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee for a period of two years or until she ceases to be a member of Council, whichever the sooner.
- That Dr. Laura Sahm be appointed to the Regulatory and Professional Policy Committee for a period of two years or until she ceases to be a member of Council, whichever the sooner.

- That Mr. Martin Higgins be appointed to the Performance and Resources Committee for a period of two years or until he ceases to be a member of Council, whichever the sooner.
- That Dr. Denis O'Driscoll be appointed to the Performance and Resources Committee for a period of two years or until he ceases to be a member of Council, whichever the sooner.
- That Mr. Martin Sisk be appointed to the Performance and Resources Committee for a period of two years or until he ceases to be a member of Council, whichever the sooner.
- That Ms. Emily Kelly be appointed to the Performance and Resources Committee for a period of two years or until she ceases to be a member of Council, whichever the sooner.
- That Dr. Cyril O'Sullivan be appointed to the Audit and Risk Committee for a period of two years or until he ceases to be a member of Council, whichever the sooner.

One expression of interest was received for membership of the Business Transformation Programme Board (PB), however, the individual was unable to sit on both an Advisory Committee and the PB. Due to the requirement for Council members to sit on an Advisory Committee, the individual concerned is being recommended for appointment to an Advisory Committee and the Special Purposes Committee agreed to give the upcoming vacancy on the PB further consideration at its next meeting.

Agenda Item G – Governance Ireland-Performance Review Action Plan and Recommendations

The Committee reviewed the Governance Ireland-Performance Review Action Plan and Recommendations. Following discussion, the Committee agreed to recommend the Governance Ireland-Performance Review Action Plan and Recommendations to Council for approval at its meeting on 5 October 2023.

Appendix 1



Agenda for the Special Purposes Committee

Meeting 14 September 14.00

Location: Online – MS Teams

Colour code: *Red—for decision; Green—for discussion; Blue—for information*

<u>Indicative Time</u>	<u>Item Descriptor and Presenter</u>		
2:00pm	A	Apologies	President
2:01pm	B	Declaration of Interests (See Appendix A)	President
2:02pm	C	Approval of Meeting Agenda	President
2:05pm	D	Request for Approval of the draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Purposes Committee Held on 1 June 2023	President
2:10pm	E	Appointments to Disciplinary Committees and the Establishment of a Panel to Fill Future Vacancies	President
2:25pm	F	Appointments to Advisory Committees and the Business Transformation Programme Board	President
2:40pm	G	Governance Ireland-Performance Review Action Plan and Recommendations	President
2:55pm	H	Standing Orders of Council	President
3:10pm	I	Overview of the Proposed Agenda for the Council Training and Development Day in October	Registrar
3:15pm	J	Outputs from the Exit Interview Process for Outgoing Council Members	Lisa Manselli
3:25pm	K	AOB	

We anticipate the meeting should end at approximately: 3.30pm

Next Meeting Date: 16 November

The President