
Report to Council on the Material Decisions of the Special Purposes Committee From the Chair.

Since Council last convened, the Special Purposes Committee met on-line due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, on Thursday, February 10th 2022.

Agenda items E, F, and G reflect the material decisions made by the Committee. The agenda for the meetings can be found in Annex 1.

Agenda Item E - Approval of the Terms of Reference of the Special Purposes Committee

Decision Approved: The Committee approved the revised Terms of Reference of the Special Purposes Committee for recommendation to the Council for approval, at their meeting on 3 March 2022, on the proposal of Mr Graham Knowles and seconded by Mr Rory O'Donnell.

Agenda Item F - Recommendation to Council of appointment of Chair of the Performance and Resources Committee

Decision Approved: The Committee agreed to recommend to Council for approval, at its meeting on 3 March 2022, the appointment of Mr Paul Turpin as Chair of the Performance and Resources Committee on the proposal of Dr Paul Gorecki and seconded by Ms Joanne Kissane.

Agenda Item G - Council Procedures: Hearings regarding Sanctions and Public Notice/Notification: consideration of matters raised by five Council members

Decision Approved: Following consideration of the matters raised both in correspondence and during the meetings with the five Council members, the President and the Interim Registrar, the Committee agreed to recommend to Council to retain the current Procedures. The Committee recommended that a review be carried out in the autumn following a longer implementation period. In making this decision, the Special Purposes Committee considered that:

1. When Council approved the Procedures on 7 October 2021, Council members had sufficient time to highlight any concerns they had with the proposed Procedures. The Committee noted that Council raised no issues concerning the implementation of the

Procedures at that time. Additionally, Council discussed a review of the implementation of the Procedures, and the President had committed to reviewing the Procedures the following autumn, following their implementation.

2. The Procedures have only been in place for a short period, and no issues have been identified concerning how they are operating in practice. The Committee acknowledged that the Procedures had streamlined the Fitness to Practise process, ensuring Council received written submissions on time in advance of the private meetings of Council.
3. The Conflict Resolution Procedure for Council and Advisory Committees outlines circumstances where a prior decision of Council can be re-examined:
 - Where new information has emerged that was not available when the original decision was made;
 - Where the Council has become aware of an error in previous information that was relied upon in making the decision;
 - Where a Council member did not feel able to present his or her case in a proper manner at the time that the Council made its decision.

The Committee agreed that none of these circumstances had been met and therefore considered that the decision of Council stood.

The decision was proposed by Mr Graham Knowles and seconded by Dr Paul Gorecki.

Annex 1



Agenda for the Special Purposes Committee
Meeting 10 February 2022, at 2.00pm
Location: Remote access online due to COVID-19 Public Health
Emergency

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
2:01pm	B	Declaration of Interests (See Appendix A)
2:02pm	C	Approval of Meeting Agenda
2:05pm	D	Approval of the draft Minutes of the meeting of the Special Purposes Committee held on 2 December 2021
2:10pm	E	Approval of the Terms of Reference of the Special Purposes Committee
2:15pm	F	Recommendation to Council of appointment of Chair of the Performance and Resources Committee
2:30pm	G	Council Procedures: Hearings regarding Sanctions and Public Notice/Notification: consideration of matters raised by five Council members
3:00pm	H	2022 Council development and training plans
3:15pm	I	Report on Skills and Competency Audit of Council
3:25pm	J	Any other Business