

Summary of Council Meeting

The Council met on 15 December 2016 from 10.00am to 4.30pm. There were 9 items on the agenda.

The Council considered reports from the Legislation and Ethics Committee, the Veterinary Nursing Committee, the Veterinary Education and Training Committee, the Practice Premises Committee, the Audit and Finance Committee and the Preliminary Investigation Committee.

Legislation and Ethics Committee (LEC)

The LEC met on 10 November 2016 from 2.00pm to 3.30pm. There were 9 items tabled on the agenda.

The key topic discussed was Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). The LEC recognised that there is a need to increase awareness of AMR amongst the veterinary profession. The LEC agreed to undertake a number of actions, including compiling a 'pull out' poster on the responsible use of antibiotics, producing AMR guidelines and assisting with the production of on-line CPD modules on AMR.

Veterinary Nursing Committee (VNC)

The VNC met on 23 November 2016 from 9.00am to 11.00am. There were 10 items tabled on the agenda, including 2 pieces of correspondence.

The VNC considered a report from the VN Survey Working Group. The VNC discussed a number of other matters, all of which are ongoing.

Veterinary Education Committee (VETC)

The VETC met on 23 November 2016 from 11.00am to 1.00pm. There were 14 items tabled on the agenda, including 2 pieces of correspondence.

The VETC considered five CVE waiver applications and three applications to join the Specialist Register. The VETC agreed to retain the same penalties as 2015 for registrants who are CVE non-compliant.

Practice Premises Committee (PPC)

The PPC met on 24 November 2016 from 10.00am to 1.00pm. There were 12 items listed on the agenda.

The PPC agreed to issue certificates of suitability to five newly registered premises and to revoke the certificate of suitability for two premises.

Audit and Finance Committee (AFC)

The AFC met on 5 December 2016 from 10.00am to 1.00pm. There were 10 items listed on the agenda.

The Committee concluded its audit plan for 2016, which continues to be financial and procedural in its focus to assure governance compliance, by reviewing a selection of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and supporting documentation relating to these SOPs.

The AFC proposed, and the Council agreed, with the budget figures presented for 2017.

Disciplinary Matters

The Council considered ten applications for an Inquiry involving eleven veterinary practitioners. The Council was notified of one fitness to practise inquiry.

Changes to the Registers

The Council confirmed the changes to both Registers which had taken place since the last meeting.

Register of Veterinary Practitioners - It was reported that there are 12 new entries to the Register and 3 names restored to the Register under section 49 (2) of the Act. It was agreed to remove from the Register the names of the 8 veterinary practitioners who had made application to do so under section 49 of the Act.

Register of Veterinary Nurses – It was reported that there are 60 new entries to the Register under section 95 of the Act.

It was reported that there had been three deaths since the last meeting: Thomas Purcell (66/67), Patrick Cyril O'Driscoll (48/83) and Francis Joseph Henry (05/64). A minute's silence was observed in their honour.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 2 February 2017 @11.30am.