

Summary of Council Meeting

The Council met on 22 January 2018 from 11.30am to 3.30pm. There were 12 items on the agenda and there were 7 items of correspondence.

This was the first meeting of the Council following the appointment by the Minister for Agriculture, Food the Marine of six elected members and three appointed members. The Institute of Public Administration (IPA) and the Registrar provided an induction session to the new members before the meeting officially commenced, this session covered the corporate governance responsibilities of the Council and its members.

Election of President and Deputy President

Peadar Ó Scanaill (51/88) was elected unopposed as President and Joe Moffitt (41/87) was elected unopposed as Deputy President. Both officers will serve in these positions until 31 December 2019.

Ownership of Veterinary Practices

The Council considered correspondence from stakeholders on guidance in the Code of Professional Conduct which had been introduced by the Council in 2017. The Council agreed to put the following section in the Code of Professional Conduct under review:

'There is no prohibition on a non-registered person, non-registered persons or a body corporate owning a veterinary business, including a veterinary practice, providing the practice of veterinary medicine, as defined by section 53 of the Act is carried out at all times by registered persons. The certificate of suitability can only be held in the name of a registered person'.

Part 7 Report

The Council considered two reports, per section 76 (2) (b) of the Veterinary Practice Act 2005, as amended summarising activity concerning Part 7 of the Act between 30 June 2017 and 31 December 2017.

Changes to the Registers

The Council confirmed the changes to both Registers which had taken place since the last meeting. It was reported that there are 12 new entries, 6 names restored to the Register of Veterinary Practitioners. It was agreed to remove from the Register the names of the 26 veterinary practitioners who had made application to do so.

It was reported that there are 4 new entries to the Register of Veterinary Nurses. It was agreed to remove from the Register the name of the 16 veterinary nurses who had made application to do so.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 22 March 2018 @11.00am.