

## **Summary of Council Meeting**

The Council met on 3 November 2016 from 10.00am to 4.30pm. There were 12 items on the agenda and 5 pieces of correspondence were tabled for consideration.

The Council considered reports from the Legislation and Ethics Committee, the Audit and Finance Committee and the Preliminary Investigation Committee.

### Legislation and Ethics Committee (LEC)

The LEC met on 28 September 2016 from 2.00pm to 3.30pm. There were 10 items tabled on the agenda and 8 pieces of correspondence for consideration.

The key topics for discussion included tail docking, protected titles, equine physiotherapy and the enactment of S.I. No. 310/2016 Welfare of Greyhound Regulations 2016.

The LEC agreed that microchipping a dog by a veterinary practitioner or a veterinary nurse is an act of veterinary medicine and should only be carried out at or from a premises that is registered under the Council's Premises Accreditation Scheme.

### Audit and Finance Committee

The AFC met on 10 October 2016 from 10.00am to 1.00pm and on 24 October 2016 from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. There were 16 items tabled on the agenda and 1 piece of correspondence for consideration.

A delegation from Veterinary Ireland attended the meeting to discuss motions raised at its AGM regarding Council registration, licence to practise and PAS fees.

The Committee proposed, and the Council agreed to keep the licence to practise fees at 2016 levels for 2017.

The Committee reviewed the third quarter accounts (July - September 2016) together with the first six month's figures and the budgetary comparisons and noted the prompt payments report for the 3rd quarter.

The updated Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies was published in August 2016 and tabled at the meeting. Relevant changes to the Code will have to be implemented by the Council by September 2017.

### Disciplinary Matters

The Council considered one application for an Inquiry involving one veterinary practitioner.

### 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 20 new entries to the Register and 1 name restored to the Register under section 49 (2) of the Act. It was agreed to remove from the Register the names of the 2 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 8 new entries to the Register under section 95 of the Act. It was agreed to remove from the Register the names of the 4 veterinary nurses who had made application to do so under section 49 of the Act.

It was reported that the death of one veterinary practitioner, Mr Joseph Colum Bradley (12/65), had occurred since the last Council meeting. A minute's silence was observed in his honour.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 15 December 2016 @10.00am.