

Summary of Council Meeting

The Council met on 12 July 2018 from 10.30am to 4.30pm. There were 12 items on the agenda.

Consultation on Ownership of Veterinary Practices

The Council agreed that the Legislation and Ethics Committee will move forward with the process of reviewing and analysing the ownership of veterinary practices issues and that this work be done internally within the VCI. It was agreed that registrants be updated on the progress of this matter via the website of the VCI.

Veterinary Education and Training Committee (VETC)

The VETC met on 27 June 2018 from 12.00pm -1.30pm. There were 10 items on the agenda and there were 2 items of correspondence.

The Council agreed with the VETC's proposal to develop a policy for defining minor/major deficiencies in a visitation report and how these should be addressed.

The Council also approved the proposal that each registrant who completes the self-evaluation form of proposed CVE will earn one CVE point but that the completion of forms shall not be compulsory for registrants.

The Council also approved the VETC's consideration of two CVE waiver applications and four Specialist Register applications.

Audit, Risk and Finance Committee (ARFC)

The ARFC met on 4 July 2018 from 10.30am -1.30pm. There were 12 items tabled on the agenda and there were no items of correspondence. The three months accounts, April to June 2018, together with the first quarter figures and the budgetary comparisons were reviewed. Internal audit reports on three expenditure cost centers were reviewed. The Council achieved 100% compliance with its prompt payments obligations in the second quarter of the year.

Conjoint Committee

The Council approved the proposal that the Conjoint Committee examine the RCVS/BVA VetFutures document, discuss within the committee how to proceed, taking the experience of others into account, and then report to the Council with a proposed plan of action and a time line.

Certificate of Suitability (COS) Register

The Council agreed to grant certificates of suitability to 2 newly registered veterinary premises.

The Council also agreed to write to each of the registrants who have not yet applied for a certificate of suitability renewal in order to inform them that if they have not submitted an application for a renewal of their certificate of suitability by the end of July, they will be removed from the Register of Certificates of Suitability.

Part 7 Report

The Council considered two reports, per section 76 (2) (b) of the Veterinary Practice Act, summarising activity concerning Part 7 of the Act between 1 January 2018 and 30 June 2018.

Communications and Information Governance Officer

The Council agreed to recruit a permanent Communications and Information Governance Officer to deal with matters such as communications, data protection, freedom of information and the VCI's obligations under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies.

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 51 new entries and 1 name restored to the Register of Veterinary Practitioners.

It was reported that there are 30 new entries and 1 name restored to the Register of Veterinary Nurses.

It was reported that there had been two deaths since the last meeting: Mr Denis O'Mahony (4/60) and Ms Kelly O'Brien (10756/14). A minute's silence was observed in their honour.

In addition, a tribute was paid to Mr John O'Rourke, Council Member 2000-2017, who died on 30 June 2018

Date of Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 13 September 2018 @10.30am.