



Ag Rialáil Gairmithe Sláinte
agus Cúraim Shóisialaigh

Regulating Health +
Social Care Professionals

Minutes

Council meeting

05 December 2024

An Chomhairle um Ghairmithe Sláinte agus Cúraim Shóisialaigh
Health and Social Care Professionals Council



Item	Council decision
1.0	Minutes from Minutes 15 October 2024 and publication of decisions
	Council approved the minutes of 15 October 2024 and publication of decisions.
2.0	Approval to apply Chairpersons electronic signature to minutes 15 October 2024
	The Chair approved Secretariat to apply her electronic signature to the Council-approved minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2024.
3.0	Chair approval to apply electronic signature to minutes of 15 November 2024 (PPC Decision of Not Sufficient Cause to Warrant Further Action)
	Council approved the FtP minutes from the meeting held on 15 November 2024.
4.0	Business Plan 2025
	Council decided to defer a decision on the 2025 Business Plan until its January Governance meeting. It was agreed that the feedback provided during this meeting would be incorporated into the revised plan for further consideration and approval.
5.0	Appointment of Returning Officer for CORU Elections
	Council approved the appointment of Claire O'Cleary as the Returning Officer, and Sara Leonard as the Substitute Returning Officer for the elections on the Optical Registration Board, Physiotherapists Registration Board and Occupational Therapists Board.
6.0	Request for written decision procedure to approve byelaws
	The Chairperson approved the issuing of two written decision requests to Council members, on 16 January 2025. Council also approved that all future changes to Bye-Laws can be issued via a written decision request.
7.0	Appointment of Scrutineers for CORU Election
	Council approved the appointment of Scrutineers and Alternate Scrutineers as outlined in the meeting pack, to assist in the Election of members to the Optical Registration Board, Physiotherapists Registration Board and the Occupational Therapists Board.
8.0	Decide what 2025 Council Governance meeting dates will be held virtually



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	Council approved convening the following Governance meetings virtually in 2025: 08 May 2025 and 16 October 2025.
9.0	Draft Programme Approval and Monitoring Policy
	Council approved the amendments to the Education Programme Approval and Monitoring Policy and associated guidance.
10.0	Adoption of Council Framework Standards of Proficiency and Framework Criteria for Education and Training Programmes 2024
	Bring back the paper Adoption of Council Framework Standards of Proficiency and Framework Criteria for Education and Training Programmes 2024 to the January meeting with a clear summary of what Council is being asked to approve.
11.0	Guidance on delegation of tasks for registrants and employers
	Bring back a paper around Guidance on delegation of tasks for registrants and employers, that includes distinct and clearly separated sections of guidance tailored specifically for registrants and employers.
12.0	Request for Setting Fee for SCW's AoPC
	Council agreed to set a fee of €300 per AoPC to be charged to Social Care Worker S91 applicants, who the Registration Board deems requires an AoPC.
13.0	CORU Registration Language Requirements Policy
	Council approved the amended CORU Registration Language Requirements Policy.
14.0	Contract Award General Legal Services
	Council approved the awarding of a contract to Beauchamps for General Legal Services, for a period of 3-years.
15.0	Contract Award HR Advisor
	Council approved the awarding of a contract to Talbot Pierce for HR advice, for a period of 2-years
16.0	Report from Chairperson of the Nominations Committee



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	<p>Council appointed Katie Robinson to the Education Committee for a period of 4 years.</p> <p>Council appointed Declan Hovenden to the Nominations Committee for a period of 4 years.</p> <p>Council appointed Martina Ring to the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee for a period of 4 years.</p> <p>The Chairperson approved the use of her electronic signatures to the appointment letters for the Council members outlined above.</p> <p>Council appointed Dunia Hutchinson, as a registrant Social Care Worker, to the Appeals Committee for a period of 4 years</p> <p>Council re-appointed members to the Appeals Committee, as set out below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann Holden, as a registrant Social Worker, to the Appeals Committee for a period of 4 years • Lisa Farrell, as a registrant Optometrist, to the Appeals Committee for a period of 4 years. • Michelle Monahan, as a registrant Radiographer, to the Appeals Committee for a period of 4 years. • Una Murphy, as a registrant Radiographer, to the Appeals Committee for a period of 4 years. • Emma Shinton, as a registrant Occupational Therapist, to the Appeals Committee for a period of 4 years. <p>Council appointed members to the Preliminary Proceedings Committee as set out below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pauline Underwood, as a registrant Social Worker, to the Preliminary Proceedings Committee for a period of 4 years • Lorna Comiskey, as a registrant Radiographer, to the Preliminary Proceedings Committee for a period of 4 years. <p>Council re-appointed Caroline Howorth, as a lay member, to the Conduct Committee for a period of 5 years.</p>