

**Health Professions Council**  
**6 December 2005**

**Resignation of Alternate Council member**

**Executive Summary and Recommendations**

**Introduction**

Ms Fiona Taylor, alternate Radiographer member resigned from Council as of 8 November 2005. The Health Professions Order 2001 provides for the appointment of a replacement registrant or alternate member by Council following the resignation of a member. The HPC elections Rules 2004 state that the Council may cause a by-election to be held to fill a vacancy for a registrant or alternate member. In such a situation the election process can be truncated. In line with best practice with regard to corporate governance the Council is advised that an election should be held to fill this vacancy and that the timescale allowed for the election should replicate that allowed for the annual Council elections. The Council election process for the election of Physiotherapist, Radiographer and Occupational Therapist member on Council will begin in January 2006, therefore given the timescale involved it is proposed that the election of an alternate Radiographer member will be held as part of this election process.

**Decision**

The Council is asked to agree that the election of an alternate Radiographer member to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Fiona Taylor will be held as part of the 2006 Health Professions Council election process.

**Background information**

The Health Professions Order 2001, paragraph 8(1)(a) of Schedule 1 states that ‘‘Where a member does not complete his term of office, his successor shall be appointed for the remainder of the unexpired term – in the case of registrant and alternate members, by the Council.

The Health Professions Council (Election Scheme) Rules 2004 state that ‘Before appointing a person to fill a vacancy under paragraph 8(1)(a) of Schedule 1 to the Order the Council may cause a by-election and in that event these Rules shall apply to any such by-election but subject to such necessary modifications as the Council may determine’.

**Resource implications**

None

**Financial implications**

The costs of the 2006 Council elections will be included in the 2006 Council budget. The inclusion of an election for an alternate Radiographer member will not increase these costs.

## Appendices

None

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8 November 2005



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