

Council, 12 May 2011

Voluntary registration

Executive summary and recommendations

**Introduction**

At the Council meeting on 31 March 2011, the Council discussed the principles of establishing voluntary registers. The Council agreed, in principle, a range of working regulatory models for further development and agreed to instruct the Executive to return to a future Council meeting to seek agreement on the principles for establishing voluntary registers, informed by the legislation and public law principles that would govern the HPC's approach in this area.

We anticipate that such principles will include policy and practical matters and might include that any voluntary registers must be self-financing, have the support of at least one professional representative organisation in the field concerned and that risk and feasibility are both relevant factors in determining whether a Register should be established. It has been anticipated that it might have been possible for the Council to discuss these principles at this meeting, however, further time is required to develop these further.

The Executive is currently undertaking work on developing the HPC's approach, including these principles, and establishing a timetable for policy development work in this area. It is anticipated that this topic will be addressed by the Council over the course of 2011, with its policy and process in this area agreed by March 2012. A paper will follow at the next Council meeting on 7 July 2011.

**Decision**

This paper is to note; no decision is required.

**Background information**

As described above

**Resource implications**

None

**Financial implications**

None

**Appendices**

None

**Date of paper**

1 May 2011