

NOTE OF PROCEEDINGS

Committee	COUNCIL	
Date	24 May 2007	
Time	9.30am	
Venue	Robert Street	
Attendees	Caroline Gardner John Butler Chris Hurford Mike Barnes Chris Bilisland Sandra Black Lynn Brown Tim Day Clive Grace Chris Harris Curtis Juman Roger Latham	President Vice-President Treasurer Andrew Lovett Caroline Mawhood Declan McDonagh Leslie Milne Mike Owen Ian Perkin Jeff Pipe Trevor Salmon Mal Singh Sarah Wood

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- 1 Members were welcomed to the meeting, apologies for absence received, declarations of interest noted, and the minutes of the previous meeting accepted and signed.
 - 2 Before commencing the agenda, an observer from the Chinese Ministry of Finance was welcomed; and Clive Grace was congratulated on his appointment as the first Chair of the Local Regulation Office.
 - 3 The results of the Council Elections were noted, and on the occasion of his last Council meeting, the President on behalf of Council paid warm tribute to the thirty years' contribution to the Institute given by Chris Hurford.
 - 4 Council approved applications for membership from graduates under Bye-law 4; approved, with one vote against, the offering of Byelaw 5 and 6 membership to three candidates; and noted the latest list of disciplinary scheme cases.
 - 5 Council received a progress report on the development of and plans for the implementation of the Institute's Practice Assurance Scheme. Concerns from a Region that consultation with those affected had been inadequate were noted; in response, Council were advised of not only the extensive opportunities for members both in the past and in the future to contribute their views but also reminded about why the Scheme was required in the first place. The latest draft Regulations, included with the report, were approved and Council will receive a further detailed report at its September meeting.

- 6 Council approved in principle the recommendation that the North Eastern regions should be split into two, subject to approval from the region's membership. If approved, the chairs of both new regions would become members of the Board for the Regions, but those regions would combine to select/elect one representative to serve on the Institute Council.
- 7 Council were advised of the possibility that a Bye-Law 87 motion might be placed before the AGM on the matter of the role of the CFO in local government; after discussion, Council confirmed its support of a debate at the AGM and authorised the Officers and Chief Executive to prepare a response should the motion be forthcoming; and asked the Governance Review Panel to propose Bye-law changes to clarify the future handling of such matters.
- 8 Council approved the new Terms of Reference of the Commercial Services Board and of the group-wide Remuneration Committee.
- 9 Council received and approved a final draft of a strategic partnership agreement with the ICAEW and authorised the Officers and Chief Executive to finalise and sign the Memorandum of Understanding.
- 10 Council received and commented on a report from the Education & Training Director, which summarised the headline activities planned by the M&SD Board to address the current issues affecting this area.
- 11 A final report from the Governance Review Panel was received and discussed at length, in addition to a minority report and the minutes of the Audit Committee which had already discussed the Panel's recommendations. With minor wording revisions in a few instances, Council voted in favour of all the recommendations.
- 12 The Vice-President led Council in expressing appreciation of the President's contribution as Chair of Council and as leader of the Institute during her term of office.