

**GENERAL OPTICAL COUNCIL**

**172<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Council to be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2008  
at 9.30 am at the Culloden Hotel , Belfast**

**A G E N D A**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

**2. Declaration of Interests**

Members and Advisers are reminded that any interest in an issue for consideration by the Council which could have, or may be perceived as having, an influence on their judgment must be declared in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct

**3. Confidentiality**

Members and Advisers are reminded that the proceedings of the Council, when sitting in private pursuant to Standing Order 2.10, are confidential under Standing Orders 5.24 to 5.26.

**4 Election of Deputy Chairman of Council C(01) 08**

**5 Election of Treasurer C(02) 08**

**6 Minutes of the 171st Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2007 C(07)3M**

**7. Matters Arising from the 171<sup>st</sup> Meeting: For Information C(03) 08**

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR DECISION**

**8. White Paper Update for discussion and issues requiring decision: C(04)08**

- (i) To decide whether Council should be reconstituted with a parity of lay and registrant members in April 2009, or whether Council should be reconstituted when the legislation is in place to enable a lay majority (probably early 2010)**

- (ii) To approve person specifications for Council members
- (iii) To decide the process to be adopted to appoint non-Council members to committees
- (iv) To approve a consultation paper on rule changes and guidance to support the application of the civil standard of proof in fitness to practise hearings
- (v) To note the planned approach for communications with stakeholders

9.	Business Plan 2008/9	C(05)08
10.	Financial Budget 2008/9	C(06)08
11	Optometry undergraduate competency based curriculum	C(07)08
12	CET Post 2010	C(08)08
13	Draft Handbook for Optometry Training Establishments	C(09)08

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

14.	Committee Chairman and Advisors	C(10)08
15.	Performance Management Report July to March 2008	C(11)08
16.	Determinations of FTP Committees	C(12)08
17.	Date and time of next meeting	

Council will next meet at **10.30am** on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2008**, Chandos House