Council Governance ECM – Minutes

Date	30 June 2026	
Time	11.00 – 12.00pm	
Location	Virtual	
Meeting number	643rd meeting of the Medical Council - Meeting No 18 of 2026	
Members present	Dr Mary Davoren (Vice-President) Mr Ian Drennan Dr Mai Mannix Dr Ehtesham Khan Prof Deirdre Murphy Prof John F Murphy	Mr Nauman Nabi Prof Conor O'Keane Mr Eunan O'Halpin Dr Margaret O'Riordan Mr Ronan Quirke
Apologies	Ms Sinead Corcoran Ms Dervilla Eyres Prof Michelle Leech Ms Jill Long Dr Louise Kavanagh McBride Mr Brian Murphy	Dr Sinead Murphy Prof Ronan O'Connell Mr Martin O'Halloran Prof Alice Stanton Dr Aoife Watters
In attendance for relevant sections of the meeting	• Dr Maria O'Kane (CEO) • Ms Jantze Cotter (Executive Director of Strategic & Corporate Affairs) • Mr Ciaran Buggle (Executive Director of Professional Standards) • Mr Paul Byrne (Executive Director of Education, Innovation, and Artificial Intelligence) • Ms Trudy Reid (Executive Director Registration Operations • Mr John Sidebottom Head of Inquiries and Health FTP Directorate • Ms Gail McAuley (Head of Corporate Affairs and Secretary to Council) • Ms Sukhneett Dhir (Corporate Governance Manager) • Dr Cyril Sullivan (Executive Director, Finance, IT and Digital Transformation) • Mr John Smyth (Head of Finance) • Ms Georgina (Finance Business Partner)	

Note – all references to 'the Act' shall be construed as references to the Medical Practitioners Act 2007 unless otherwise stated.

	The Vice President welcomed Council members to this brief ECM.	
1.	**Conflict of interest check**	
	There were not conflicts of interest.	
2.	**2025 Annual Financial Statements**	
	Dr Cyril Sullivan presented the 2025 Annual Financial Statements papers contained in the meeting brief.	

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	Council was requested to approve the financial statements in respect of the year ended 31st of December 2025. Council was informed that the reason for the financial statements being delayed for Council approval was due to an error, outside of the Medical Council's control, which related to a panel firm's accounting system. Queries raised on this matter by Council members were clarified by Dr Cyril Sullivan. It was noted that an email had also circulated seeking clarification which will be responded to by Dr Cyril Sullivan. Council noted that the Audit and Risk Committee held an emergency meeting on the 26th of June 2026, at short notice, to review the proposed final 2025 financial statements. The Audit and Risk Committee recommended an ECM for Council approval. Council noted that the ECM needed to be convened at very short notice due to the requirement by the Comptroller and Auditor General for the financial statements to be signed off by the end of June 2026. Dr Cyril Sullivan provided an overview of the financial statements and the statement of internal controls. Council members raised clarifications in relation to expenditure which were clarified. It was noted also that a multi annual budget had been presented to Council at its Governance meeting on 29th of April 2026. The Vice President confirmed that following discussion with the CEO and Dr. Cyril Sullivan it was agreed to move forward with the approval process by Council. It was also clarified for new members that Council had considered the financial statements in detail, at its Governance meeting in April.	
	Council approved the 2025 financial statements and authorised the Vice President and Chief Executive Officer respectively to sign the financial statements on Council's behalf.	**Decision**
	This meeting concluded at approximately 11.30 a.m.	