Representation Policy Group – Work Planner 2017-18

Terms of reference:

• To monitor and review as necessary the GPC’s representative and electoral structures to ensure the adequate representation of all GPs and to make recommendations as appropriate.
• To consider the implications of continuing NHS change for LMCs and their representative structures and to give advice as appropriate to LMCs.
• To work with other policy groups as and when required on the development of policy and the production of guidance.

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| **GPC policy areas and protocols** | • Compile and implement feedback on GPC policy areas and protocols for the start of the next session  
• Explore including an 'impact assessment' for sessionals |
| **Role profiles** | • Develop and agree role profiles for GPC members and Policy Leads |
| **Conflict of interest** | • Develop conflict of interest principles for GPC, based on the principles drawn up for BMA committees  
• Reviewing the principles in the light of the BMA’s wider “Living our Values” work |
| **Executive team appointments process** | • Streamline executive team appointments process, reducing costs and making best use of materials from 2016 appointments |
| **Merger of the GPC and LMC listservers** | • Explore the merger of the GPC and LMC listservers  
• Consider the feedback from the trial of the Microsoft 365 system  
• Add GPC members to the general LMC list server |
| **Policy Leads** | • GPC representation policy lead to be elected (please note reverse of Meldrum recommendations) |
| **Funding** | • Maintain a watching brief on the funding arrangements for GPC members  
• GPDF Directors to review the financial impact of the changes in 2016/17, at the end of the session, and draw up forecasts of their impact for future sessions |
| **Elections** | • Review GPC election procedures (including LMC conference)  
• Review of the electoral systems and conduction  
• Consider changes to GPC regional election nomination form regarding Locum GPs |
| **Gender diversity in GPC** | • Encourage greater levels of female participation in GPC  
• Gather information such as gender statistics of GPC elections and experiences from past, present and potential members |
| **Speaker at GPC England** | • Evaluate the pilot that GPC England are undertaking of having a speaker of the house for meetings |
| **Policy group engagement** | • Explore how policy groups can engage more with devolved nation’s GP committees |