

Scottish Pharmacy Board 6 May 2009

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Scottish Office of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Purpose

To provide an update to the Board from the previous Council meeting and discuss the next steps.

Strategic objective domain

- Provide strategic leadership and support for pharmacy practice in Scotland.

Action required

Scottish Pharmacy Board is asked to receive an update from the previous Council meeting and discuss the next steps.

1. Background

At the last Board meeting the Chairman summarised the outcome of the Options Appraisal process undertaken by the Board. The non-financial benefits element of the appraisal had resulted in the Board ranking purchasing premises within Edinburgh City Centre as the best option. The risk assessment formed the second part of the appraisal which identified the option to 'purchase 36 York Place and do as much as possible' as having the least risk, although it was recognised that this would not provide the required functionality.

It was decided that the Board had taken the process as far as it could without a financial package being agreed.

A business case was produced and submitted to the Resource Management Committee (RMC), which is an advisory group to Council on financial matters, at its meeting in March. The RMC then submitted a proposal of funding options to Council at their meeting at the end of March.

2. Risk Implications

Without adequate accommodation the Society's Scottish Office will not be able to undertake the full range of functions required to support the Scottish Pharmacy Board and the membership in Scotland.

3. Resource Implications

The resource implications of any solution will be very significant and are currently unbudgeted.

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