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Report to members of the confidential meeting of Council held on Wednesday 28 September 2016 at RCN HQ, Cavendish Sq, London, W1G 0RN

AGM and Congress

1. We began our one-day meeting with a discussion about the timing of the AGM in 2017.
2. We agreed it would be held on Tuesday 16 May 2016 in Congress week.
3. We were updated on planning to date for Congress 2017. We are looking forward to seeing the new exhibition centre in Liverpool and the other improvements which have been made since the last time we were in the city.
4. We noted that the closing date for agenda submissions is 11 January 2017 and we would encourage boards, branches, forums and the representative committees to start considering their proposed agenda items.
5. We also heard about plans for Congress in 2018 which will be held in Belfast.
6. Options appraisals on potential venues for Congress in 2019 and 2020 will be considered by Council at its December meeting.

Future strategy and risk

7. Janet Davies, Chief Executive & General Secretary, briefed us on the work the Executive Team was doing to inform the work Council will be leading over the coming 18 months on the next Strategy. We also looked at a new framework for managing risk.
8. We expressed our clear support for the work Janet was leading on the focus, priorities and service model to ensure the future financial

security of the organisation and that members are at the forefront of all our work.

RCN Foundation

9. We considered a paper on the RCN Foundation which is proposing an amalgamation the Foundation's various funds into two main Benevolent and Education Funds.
10. The main advantage to doing this would be to enable the Foundation to broaden the purposes of the funds, as well as the range of beneficiaries. So, for example, the Foundation in future will be able to help health care assistants and students as well as registered nurses.
11. The Charity Commission requires us to consult stakeholders on the proposed changes and more detail on this will be published shortly.

Council Review implementation

12. The remainder of our afternoon session was spent discussing the implementation of our new Council and committee structure which we are putting in place following the approval of the changes to the composition of Council at the 2016 AGM.
13. We are beginning a new chapter in how we work and our smaller Council will be more robust and able to provide stronger and better governance whilst our two main committees will be enabled to focus more clearly on our trade union and Royal College agendas.
14. During the workshop we worked through the draft terms of reference and role descriptors. We also looked at changes we could make to our election processes to ensure we deliver on the findings of the Council Review.
15. We will be sharing our initial thoughts with members for comment over the next few months.

Webinar on Our investments – Living up to our Values

18 October at 2.30pm

We are hosting a live webinar on RCN investments

If you have ever wondered how the RCN invests your money and would like to inform how and where the RCN invests its money in the future please register tiny.cc/ourvalues to join the webinar and ask your questions from wherever you are in the UK.

You will find out more about why the RCN has investments and have a say in what you think it is important for us to consider in our future investments.