**CHARTERED SOCIETY OF PHYSIOTHERAPY**

**ROLE OF COUNCIL & COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The CSP is committed to equity of opportunity and wants its Council to reflect the diversity of the membership, with Council as role models and as leaders of the profession. We therefore positively encourage candidates from all sections of the community to stand for election.

1. **Council’s Purpose**

As the highest decision-making body of the CSP, our Council’s purpose is to provide leadership of the profession and governance of the CSP.

1. **Council’s strategic role and responsibilities**

Council is made up of 12 elected members to lead and represent CSP members wherever they live and work. Council members are collectively responsible:

* 1. for setting strategy and policy and to ensure that they are delivered;
  2. providing a collective voice for the profession and acting in the best interests of the profession as a whole;
  3. for listening to and connecting with members to understand frontline issues;
  4. for understanding how the CSP works;
  5. for following and upholding the provisions of the Royal Charter;
  6. for ensuring that CSP finance and resources are well used and accounted for to ensure the Society’s long-term sustainability;
  7. for working with Council’s committees, projects, boards, networks and other groups;
  8. for appointing the Chief Executive and holding them to account;
  9. for representing Council’s views and policies to different audiences;
  10. for approving the appointment of the employee nominated Pension Trustees;
  11. for approving appointments to Council committees;
  12. for ensuring that the work of its committees is strategic, co-ordinated and productive;
  13. for maintaining high standards of governance and the Society’s reputation;
  14. to the CSP membership for Council decisions and actions, being held to account at the Annual General Meeting and to be accountable to members at the Annual Representative Conference; and
  15. for other activities as agreed by Council.

**3. Council Members’ individual responsibilities**

As individuals, all Council members have a duty to:

* 1. abide by the Code of Condict and observe the highest standards of integrity, confidentiality and objectivity;
  2. respect the trust and confidence of our voting members by working hard for and making a personal contribution to all aspects of Council’s business;
  3. actively participate, ask questions and be constructively challenging in Council debates;
  4. attend Council meetings, the Annual Representative Conference (ARC), the annual conference and other key CSP and professional events;
  5. observe and / or serve on committees, project boards and working groups;
  6. take responsibility to own Council decisions collectively, irrespective of their own viewpoint;
  7. connect and engage with our members including the Country Boards, regional networks, professional networks, diversity networks, and stewards;
  8. promote the CSP and to inform members of Council’s decision-making;
  9. keep up to date with the work of the CSP as a membership organisation, trade union and professional body;
  10. keep up to date with key professional and political issues affecting our members;
  11. participate in an annual development review with the Chair and to take responsibility for ongoing induction and development as a Council member;
  12. avoid conflicts of interest where possible and declare any conflicts or perceived conflicts of interest;
  13. avoid using their position on Council to promote private interests or for personal benefit; and
  14. engage in any other duties, activities or projects agreed by Council.

**4. Supporting Documents**

Charter

Bye-Laws

Council Code of Conduct

Role Profile of a Council member

Regulations/Standing Orders

Scheme of Delegation