



STANDING CONFERENCE ON TEACHER EDUCATION NORTH AND SOUTH

**11th & 12th November 2004
Armagh**



GTCNI:- Mission Statement

“The General teaching Council for Northern Ireland is the statutory, independent body for the teaching profession and is dedicated to enhancing the status of teaching and promoting the highest standards of professional conduct and practice.

It will work in partnership to develop and sustain a broad and dynamic “professional community” characterised by a culture of respect, integrity, cooperation and dialogue.”



Responsibilities

- Registration
- Advisory
- Regulatory



Advisory Role

Article 37 of the '98 Order

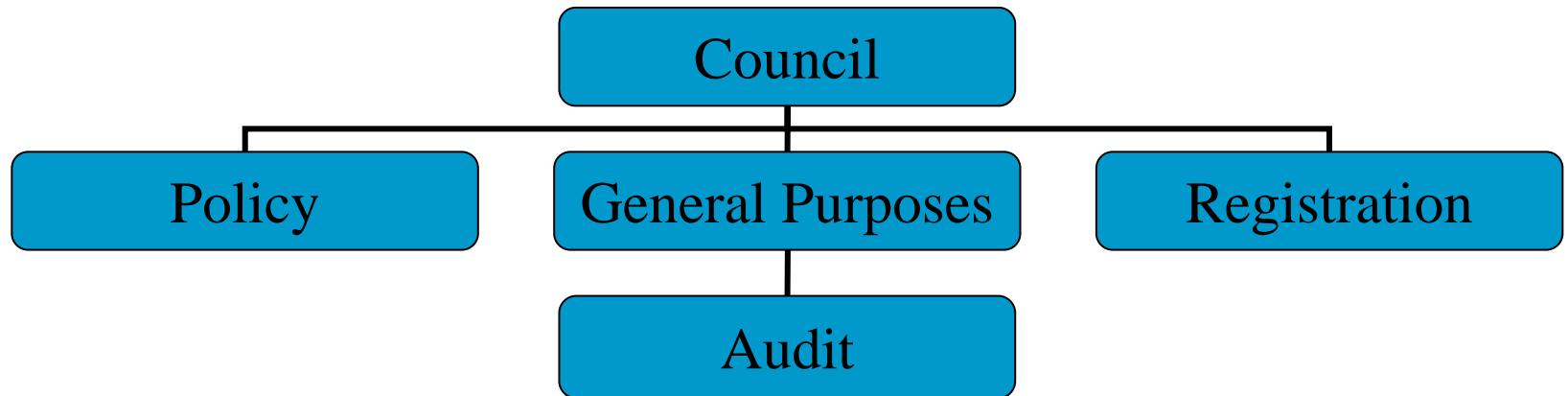
- **Eligibility to Teach**
- **Training Career development & Performance Management of Teachers**
- **Standards of Teaching**
- **Standards of Conduct**



Regulatory Functions

- Applies subsequent to dismissal & only in regard to professional conduct.
- Measured against Standards agreed with the profession
- Does not address issues of competence

Structures





Philosophy / Culture

Champion:

- **Not unquestioning advocacy**
- **Challenge**
- **Catalyst for professional discourse**
- **Mediate – society – policy makers**



A Volatile Environment

■ Past Experiences

- **Political Interference**
- **Marketisation of Education**
- **Prescription**
- **Central Control :- Delegated Responsibility!!**

Keith Joseph / Baker / Mawhinney ----Old school Tories

Charles Clarke “whinge binge”-----New School Tory