

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CORPORATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2017 AT 6.00 PM**

Present: Nikhil Aggarwal, Alan Aston, Syd Burkin, Karen Dobson, Martin Earnshaw, Steve Jones, Simon Leech (Chair), Bernard Lovatt, Jeremy Pert, Lesley Rollason, Jim Rowley

In attendance: Craig Hodgson (Vice Principal), Ian Hookway (Director of HR & Communication), Lesley Morrey (Director of Student Engagement & Partnerships), John Prescott (Clerk), Carol Thomas (Director of Curriculum & Performance), Lisa Saville (Group Accountant), Joy Smith (Deputy Clerk)

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### **PART 1**

#### **17.6.1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Charlie Awde, Gareth Jones, Lynsey Shearsmith and Francis Tunney.

#### **17.6.2 Declarations of Interest**

Simon Leech, Karen Dobson and Craig Hodgson declared an interest as non-remunerated Directors of Axia Solutions Ltd and Gradbach Board Ltd.

#### **17.6.3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 October 2017 - Part 1**

Approved as a true record of the meeting.

#### **17.6.4 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **17.6.5 Minutes of the Committee Meetings**

- Education & Standards – 27 November

Lesley Rollason gave an overview of the issues considered at the meeting. Members had received information on the Group's performance for 2016-17. Areas where there were dips in performance are now a focus but members were very pleased with the strong overall performance at both colleges.

Members had also considered the historical information on market share and were very pleased with the strong growth over the past years at NULC, although the demographic dip was noted.

Members had considered the Learner Data report and had particularly noted the challenges facing the College over the delivery of English and maths. In addition, TLARs have now commenced for both sites and the first review had received a very positive report.

## 17.6.6 **Principal's Report - Part 1**

### **1.1 – Fantastic Student Successes**

Congratulations were extended to all of the students who had represented the College or enjoyed particular success over the past term.

### **2.1 - Remembrance Events**

Karen reported that Remembrance events had been held at both colleges. Both events had been very well respected and attended.

### **2.2 – Sylvia Butler**

Thanks were extended to those who came along to the celebration to mark Sylvia Butler's immense contribution to the College as a Governor and member of the Education & Standards Committee.

### **2.3 – Professor Brian Cox**

Karen explained that the visit by Professor Cox had gone extremely well. He undertook a tour of the facilities, viewed student artwork and generally did everything we asked of him. We managed to secure some excellent media coverage from the event.

In addition, Karen reported on the very positive media coverage when the new Science & Technology Centre was officially opened by Lord Stafford in October.

Alan Aston commented on the excellent quality of the marketing and promotional information currently available and asked for his congratulations to be passed to the staff involved.

### **2.1 - Carol Services**

Members were warmly invited to join either of the annual carol services on 20 December. If any Governor was available to deliver a reading at Newcastle, Lesley asked them to contact either herself or Joy.