

## Corporate Governance

The Corporation is the governing body established under the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 for the purpose of conducting 'Newcastle & Stafford Colleges Group'. The College is an exempt charity for the purposes of Part 3 of the Charities Act 2011.

The Corporation is responsible for setting the College's strategic direction and ensuring that the College delivers excellent outcomes to students and the local communities it serves.

The powers and responsibilities of the Corporation are set out in the [Instrument and Articles of Government](#); the Corporation also has to comply with the Financial Memorandum, Post-16 Audit Code of Practice, Charities Act 2006 as well as general laws relating for example, to equality, health and safety, freedom of information and employment.

## The Corporation

The Corporation is currently made up of 16 members including the Principal & Chief Executive (who is a member ex-officio), two elected staff members, and two elected student members.

Recruitment of external members is managed by the Search Committee of the Corporation to ensure an appropriate balance of skills and experience to facilitate strong governance of College activities.

The Search Committee welcomes all applicants and particularly applications from women and those from minority ethnic backgrounds to ensure the composition of the Board reflects the local communities that we serve.

External members are initially appointed to the Corporation for a period of four years and are eligible for consideration of re-appointment for a further period of 4 years.

The Corporation is advised by the Clerk who is independent of college management and has access to independent professional advice.

## Contact the Clerk to the Corporation

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Minutes of the Corporation and its Committees are [available online](#).