

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CORPORATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL 2019 AT 6 PM IN THE BOARDROOM AT NSCG: NEWCASTLE

Present: Nikhil Aggarwal, Alan Aston, Karen Dobson, Jeff Dutton, Gareth Jones, Steve Jones, Simon Leech (Chair), Jeremy Pert, Lesley Rollason, Jim Rowley, Lynsey Shearsmith, Francis Tunney

In attendance: Craig Hodgson (Vice Principal), Ian Hookway (Director of HR & Communications), Lesley Morrey (Director of Student Engagement & Partnerships), John Prescott (Clerk), Carl Riding (Assistant Principal: Strategic Employer Partnerships), Carol Thomas (Director of Curriculum & Performance)

Everyone present congratulated Karen on receiving her OBE.

Part 1

19.1.1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Charlie Awde, Martin Earnshaw and Bernard Lovatt.

19.1.2 Declarations of Interest

Simon Leech, Gareth Jones, Karen Dobson and Craig Hodgson all declared an interest as non-remunerated directors of Axia Solutions Ltd and Gradbach Ltd.

19.1.3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 December 2018 - Part 1

Approved, subject to removing Jeremy Pert's name from those present.

19.1.4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

19.1.5 Minutes of the Committee Meeting

- Education & Standards - 19 March 2019

Lesley Rollason provided an overview of the issues covered at the meeting, noting the very informative presentation on the College's HE provision. Members had particularly considered the responsibilities of Governors under the Office for Students agreement and it had been agreed that John Prescott would provide a matrix outlining these responsibilities, highlighting those already in place and those required. The meeting had also considered the College's very comprehensive Self-Assessment Report (SAR) and the Outstanding grade awarded which members had discussed and agreed was appropriate. It was noted that the SAR would be added to the Cloud for members of the Corporation to peruse.

19.1.6 **Principal's Report – Part One**

1.1 – Furniture Giveaway

Members were pleased to note that local schools have benefitted from the furniture no longer required from the Earl Street and Broad Street buildings at Stafford.

1.2 – Office for Students

Karen advised that the Office for Students registration has now been completed and confirmed that, following on from the discussions at the Education & Standards Committee, information on Governor responsibilities will come back through the next cycle of meetings.

1.3 – Kilimanjaro Challenge

Members noted that Wayne Tomlinson would be climbing Kilimanjaro to raise funds for the Katharine House Hospice in memory of Val. Karen added that Carol Thomas would also be climbing Kilimanjaro later in the year to raise money for the Douglas MacMillan Hospice.

1.4 – Pearson Awards

Members were very pleased to note that the College has both staff and students nominated for this year's Pearson Awards, the winners of which will be announced later in the year.

2.1 – Keep Stoke Smiling

The excellent work carried out by art students from both sites to support the Keep Stoke Smiling campaign run by the Royal Stoke Hospital was noted.

2.2 – National Skills Challenge

Members wished good luck to the team of students who will be competing in the finals of the National Skills Challenge in April.

2.3 – English Colleges Women's Football Success

Lexie Harrison, Courtney Ward, Beth Roberts and Charlotte Clarke were all congratulated on their selection to play for the English College's Women's Football Team and on their respective individual successes.

2.4 – ESFA Finals

Members were delighted to learn that the College's boys' football squad would be playing in the ESFA Finals at the Britannia Stadium on 10 May and wished them good luck for the game.

2.5 – National Championships & Events

All sporting participants were wished good luck in their forthcoming events.

19.1.7 **Key Performance Indicator Report to the Corporation**

Members noted the latest KPI information.