

New College Corporation

Search Committee

17 June 2008

Record of Informal Meeting

[Clerk's note: at the appointed time for the meeting there were insufficient members present to constitute a quorum and the meeting could not be held. However, those members present agreed to continue on an informal basis, Mr Hopkins acting as Chairman for the meeting]

Present: Mr D Hopkins (Chairman)
Mr G Clark

In Attendance: Mr P Taylor (Clerk)

1 Apologies

Dr Hargreaves, Cllr Fletcher, Mr Shaw.

2 Confirmation of Minutes

Deferred to a quorate meeting.

3 Declarations of Interest

None.

4 Corporation Vacancies

The Clerk introduced the report (copy in minute book) for members. He reviewed briefly the vacancies on the Corporation in respect of: the additional student member; a general member; and the impending vacancies upon the expiration of term of office of Mr Boulter and Cllr Fletcher. He reported that the Student Union had nominated their vice chair, Mr Haynes, to fill the vacancy for the second student member and that he anticipated the appointment being made at the Corporation meeting which was to follow on the rising of the Search Committee.

On the general member vacancy, Mr Clark reported that the Local Authority were about to make several senior education appointments, and given the potential increased engagement of the Local Authority in funding matters affecting the college, there might be merit in investigating the potential for one of these appointees to join the Corporation. He noted that given the new commissioning role of the Local Authority in funding there might be some potential for a conflict of interest, but nevertheless he felt the prospect of a local authority senior education officer as Corporation member was worthy of investigation. Mr Hopkins concurred with this view.

On the matter of the potential re-appointment of Cllr Fletcher, the Clerk distributed copies of extracts from the Corporation attendance register and commented that Cllr Fletcher's attendance in his term of office had been as follows: potential attendance 36; actual attendance 28; giving a good attendance rate of 77.8%. He also noted that Cllr Fletcher had been an active member of both Search and Audit Committees. Mr Hopkins commented favourably on Cllr Fletcher's contributions at meetings. The Clerk reported that the Government Skills Audit register did not indicate any serious shortcomings in Corporation membership, and that there were no names on the list of potential Corporation members. Members considered Cllr Fletcher's re-appointment in the context of the Nolan Committee recommendations, and agreed to recommend Cllr Fletcher's re-appointment.

On the matter of the potential re-appointment of Mr Boulter, the Clerk distributed copies of extracts from the Corporation attendance register and commented that Mr Boulter's attendance in his term of office had been as follows: potential attendance 37; actual attendance 28; giving a good attendance rate of 75.7%. He also noted that Mr Boulter had been an active member of both Student Achievement and Standards and Audit Committees. Mr Hopkins commented favourably on Mr Boulter's contributions at meetings. Members considered Mr Boulter's re-appointment in the context of the Nolan Committee recommendations, and agreed to recommend Mr Boulter's re-appointment.

5 Date of Next Meeting

The provisional date of 6.30 pm Tuesday 7 October 2008 was noted.