



## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE**

**Held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at 3.20pm at Higham Hall, Bassenthwaite.**

**PRESENT:** Damian McSweeney, Joe Holiday, Michael Doyle, Norma Boyes and Cath Richardson

**APOLOGIES:** None

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Hilary Hemm (Clerk to the Governors)

### **19/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **20/08 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Committee received the minutes of its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

### **21/08 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE AND APPLICATION FOR BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

The Committee received the Clerk's report which set out the current situation regarding membership.

She had been informed the previous day that a new student governor had been elected. He was Jimi Adams, an Access student.

She noted the recent resignations of Graham Kennedy and Neil Smart and the ending of Cllr Bill Southward's term of office at the end of December. This committee and the Review Group considering the revisions to the Standing Orders had both previously expressed the view that there should no longer be automatic nominations of Board members representing the three local authorities.

Members had previously noted the need to recruit as a matter of priority at least one member with financial expertise and qualifications. The Clerk's report contained biographical and skills information regarding a new candidate, Mr Andrew Oldham. The Committee considered his qualifications, skills and position as Corporate Controller at the NDA against the current skills mix of the Board and were unanimous in their approval of the recommendation that he be asked to join the Board.

The Clerk reminded members that she had received one firm application to join the Board as a result of the press advertisement in September. That person had recently spoken to the Principal regarding his current position. Mrs N Boyes had also spoken to a contact with accountancy qualifications regarding the possibility of their joining the Board. That person had indicated an interest in becoming a committee member but not a full Board member at this stage. The Principal had also made enquiries with regard to the possibility of recruiting a governor with expertise in the hospitality and tourism sector.



**RESOLVED** that:

- (1) the Clerk's report on the current situation be noted
- (2) the Corporation be recommended to approve the appointment of Mr Andrew Oldham as a member of the Corporation and of Mr Jimi Adams as a student member.
- (3) in line with the change in Instrument and Articles, the Board no longer seek nominations as a matter of course from the three local authorities but recruit members having regard to their skills and expertise.
- (4) the Clerk and Principal approach the three possible new Board and committee members with a view to following up their applications at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 3.50 p.m.