

Minutes of a meeting of the Search and Governance Committee held on Thursday, 23rd June 2022 at 1100h by Teams

Present: Elaine Clinton (Chair); Michael Priestley; Chris Nattress; Beth Wordsworth

Apologies: Phil Jardine
Also present: Jane Murray (Clerk)

13/22 Minutes

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

14/22 Declarations of Interest

None received

15/22 Governance Reflection

The Committee had no issues which they would wish to raise. They felt that there had been good discussions at the audit committee; at the Student Board and at the Finance and Corporate Working Group, in addition to the Board.

16/22 Governance Report

The Clerk presented the annual review of the Standing Orders. There had been a few tweaks of the strategy, but nothing of substance (for example removing references to operating during the pandemic). The terms of reference of the audit committee had been refreshed following the latest audit code of practice. The Committee was content to recommend the standing order to the Board.

The Committee memberships had been updated to reflect changes to the Board membership and this was also agreed for recommendation to the Board.

The approach to the external review of governance was discussed and agreed, including the scope and the areas where the Committee wanted to get specific reassurance around triangulation of information; self-assessment and scrutiny and challenge. It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate the specification to the Committee and the Board (action since: specification circulated and now sent out to three providers, the Board having delegated oversight of the process to the Search and Governance Committee).

17/22 Vacancy Update

It was agreed that the appointment of a new Governor should be tabled to the Board. There was one interested party with HR skills whose application was outstanding. An update was expected by the end of the summer.

The meeting closed at 1145h.