

JOHN LEGGOTT COLLEGE

Minutes of a meeting of the Corporation
held at the college & on-line on Monday 18 March 2024 at 5.30pm

PRESENT: Mr A Pascoe (Chair)
Mr J Aslam
Mr B Chappill
Miss T Davies
Mr S Driver
Mr J Fitzgerald
Mrs A Moore
Miss R Ogunjimi
Mr P Raistrick
Mr L Riley (Principal)

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms J Allen (External Governance Reviewer) (on-line)
Mrs C Holmes (Deputy Principal)
Mrs B Robinson (Director of Governance)

3461 **Apologies & Welcome**

An apology for absence was received from Mr Townsley.

RESOLVED (a) that this be noted.

Ms Allen was welcomed to the meeting. Ms Allen was in attendance to observe the meeting as part of the external review of governance.

RESOLVED (b) that this be noted.

3462 **Declaration of Interests/Register of Interests**

Declarations of interest were received for those governors whose terms of office were due to be discussed.

Governors were requested to complete the declaration of interests form that had been circulated in order that the Register of Interests could be updated.

RESOLVED (a) that these declarations be noted.

RESOLVED (b) that governors complete their annual declaration of interest form and return to the Clerk.

3463 **Membership Issues**

- (i) Re-appointment of External Governors
- (ii) Re-appointment of Coopted Governor
- (iii) Update on Vacancies

Consideration was given to the recommendations of Search Committee. Governors considered the skills and knowledge of the governors considered for re-appointment. They also considered the impact on the

Governance structure should the decision be made to academise.

RESOLVED (a) that the proposal to re-appoint Mr Pascoe, Mr Driver and Mr Aslam for three years be approved.

RESOLVED (b) that the proposal to re-appoint Mrs Moore and Mr Douglas for one year be approved.

RESOLVED (c) that it be noted that the recent re-run of the Parent Governor process had not been successful and that a further attempt be made in the Summer Term including targeting groups of parents e.g., those of Aspire learners.

RESOLVED (d) that all governors use their community contacts to see if there were any interested parties in the role of External Governor.

3464 **Minutes and Matters Arising**

RESOLVED (a) that the minutes of the last meeting held on 4 December 2024 (Part A) be agreed as a true record.

RESOLVED (b) that the minutes be signed by the Chairperson.

RESOLVED (c) that it be noted that there were no matters arising not covered elsewhere.

3465 **Reports/Policies**

- (i) Safeguarding/Prevent Termly Update
- (ii) Careers/Learner Pathway Report
- (iii) Learning Support Update
- (iv) Policy Approval – Financial Regulations & Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

Governors considered the detailed reports.

Governor questioned/challenged:

- number of student behaviour incidents
- overall number of safeguarding referrals and breadth of persons referring
- impact on staff teams with high numbers of referrals
- focus on building of resilience
- costs of additional capacity
- support for learners not aiming to progress to university
- range of employers working with college both sector and geographically
- reason for slight dip in attendance in Level 3 of students with learning needs

Governors celebrated:

- support workshops for learners

- liaison with external agencies
- inclusive college environment
- reassuring number of students who self-refer
- high level of activity on offer for learner enrichment
- higher level of work experience take up
- employment toolkit
- national award nomination for Foundation Team
- refit of Learning Support to provide more central and better facilities

RESOLVED (a) that the updates be received, and thanks recorded to the authors.

Discussion then focussed on the proposed changes to the Financial Regulations and the EDI Policy. It was stated that the Financial Handbook that was due next week for implementation on 1 August 2024 would necessitate further changes to the Financial Regulations.

RESOLVED (b) that the proposed policy changes be agreed to Financial Regulations and the EDI Policy.

