

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Minute of Meeting of 15 March 2016

The meeting commenced at 1310 hours.

PRESENT: D Anderson, K Anderson, A Bell, S Cormack, D Duthie, I Gossip, J Harper, J Henderson, S Masson, R McGregor, K Milroy (Chair), D Russell, A Simpson, A Smith, R Wallen, K Wetherall

IN ATTENDANCE: R Scott, P May, P Kesson, S MacKenzie (BDP)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from S Brimmer and C Inglis.

2. Minute of previous meeting

The Minute of Meeting held on 22 February 2016 was approved.

3. Matters arising from previous meeting

The Board noted a paper providing updated information on matters arising from the meeting held on 22 February 2016.

Mr Wallen provided an update on the current position relating to National Collective Bargaining and planned industrial action by the EIS Union. Mr Wallen confirmed that the College would remain open on as normal on a day of action planned for 17 March 2016.

Ms May informed Members that she had ascertained from the College Development Network (CDN) that weekend delivery of workshops for Board Members was not an option. It was noted that CDN are proposing to film some of the upcoming workshops and make these available on-line alongside workshop materials for Members who may be unable to attend workshops.

4. Estates Strategy – BDP Session

The Board received a presentation from Mr MacKenzie of BDP on the development of the College's Estates Strategy, including an overview of possible options for the estate and preferred options which emerged from recent consultation workshops.

Mr Wallen said that the SMT are comfortable with the work undertaken to date to develop the new Estates Strategy. Mr Milroy commented that the proposals address some of the key issues that the College has previously identified as requiring attention at various sites.

It was agreed that the view of the ASET Board and management should be sought on the implications of relocating all ASET activities to the Clinterty Campus or remaining on the Altens Campus. Mr Smith, Mr Duthie, and Mr Gossip declared an interest in this item by virtue of their roles as Directors of ASET. Members agreed that any decision about ASET's location needed to be reached quite quickly to enable the Strategy to be progressed by agreed timescales.

Mr MacKenzie commented that there was nothing contained in the presentation that would be seen as contentious in planning terms.

Board Members endorsed the direction of travel for the development of the Strategy.

It was noted that the costs of the proposals had not yet been calculated.

It was agreed that the presentation would be circulated to Board Members and that the Strategy would next be considered by the Board of Management at its meeting in April 2016.

Mr Milroy thanked Mr MacKenzie for his input.

5. Summation of Business and Date of Next Meeting

The Secretary gave a summation of the business conducted. The next meeting of the Board will take place on Thursday 07 April 2016 at 1400 hours at the City Campus.

Additional Item

In referring to the feedback from the 2 year Post Merger Evaluation by SFC in which the College merger had been described as being exemplary and the systems in place strong and robust, Mr Wallen said that the time was now right to announce his retirement.

Mr Milroy paid tribute to Mr Wallen as an outstanding first Principal of North East Scotland College whose drive and devotion saw the College through what was a very complex merger. Mr Milroy said many people view Mr Wallen's work in high regard and his achievements have been considerable.

On behalf of the Board Mr Milroy wished Mr Wallen warmest regards and best wishes.

Mr Milroy indicated that he would now work with the Chairs of the three Standing Committees to go forward and appoint a successor to Mr Wallen.

The meeting concluded at 1400 hours.