

Confirmed confidential minutes, released at Corporation meeting 25.2.09

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CORPORATION

Confidential minutes of the meeting of the Corporation held on Wednesday, 16th July 2008 at 6 p.m.

PART III – Reserved Matters

- 13. Exclusions.** Before the following matters were considered, it was agreed that the staff and student governors should be excluded from the meeting

(At this point Miss Miller and Mr Sunter withdrew from the meeting)

- 14. Confidential minutes of the previous meeting.** The confidential minutes of the meeting of the Corporation held on 30th April 2008 were confirmed and signed as a correct record

- 15. Confidential minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.** The confirmed confidential minutes of the Committee held on 28th May 2008, and the unconfirmed confidential minutes of the Committee held on 9th July 2008, were received

- 16. Future Management Arrangements – The Principal.** A paper setting out a series of proposed actions to be taken in the event of the Principal's post becoming vacant, was discussed. It was agreed that the procedure set out in the report's paragraphs 2.1 to 2.5 inclusive, should be adopted, as submitted
ACTION: Clerk to the Corporation

- 17. Membership of the Corporation.**

(At this point Miss Browne and Mr Berwin withdrew from the meeting. Mr Henton in the chair)

A paper was considered proposing an extension to the terms of office of Miss Browne and Mr Berwin. Both are due to expire in March 2009, and under the terms of the Corporation's policy concerning length of membership, will then have completed 4 terms. During discussion it was recognised that the Corporation faced a series of extraordinary circumstances, where the loss of these two highly experienced and valued members could significantly disadvantage the College. Those circumstances included the unforeseen early resignations of some governors, the subsequent substantial changes in membership, the prospect of the Principal's retirement and the urgent need for succession planning for a new Chairman of the Corporation. It was resolved that this exceptional situation warranted an extension of both Miss Browne's and Mr Berwin's final term as members until 31st July 2009

ACTION: Clerk to the Corporation

(At this point Miss Browne & Mr Berwin rejoined the meeting. Miss Browne in the chair)

- 18. Committee vacancies.** This report, intended for discussion as agenda item 8, but deferred pending item 18, was considered. Under the circumstances facing the Corporation, already debated at item 18, it was agreed that there was no merit in arranging any rotations of Committee membership for the year 2008/9, and that this be reconsidered at the July 2009 meeting of the Corporation. During discussion, Mr Ratyal expressed his concerns that his current business commitments in Doncaster might prevent his attendances at every meeting of the Audit and AS&QA Committees. It was agreed that this be kept under review, and that, should a problem emerge, Mr Ratyal, the relevant Chairman of Committee, and the Clerk, discuss the matter and seek a mutually satisfactory solution
- 19. Any other urgent business.** In reply to a question, Mr Wigan confirmed that the Heads of School attended meetings of the Academic Standards & Quality Assurance Committee as full members, and would be invited to be in attendance at meetings of the Corporation when relevant to do so