

Meeting of the Board

Venue: Conference Room 3, South Tyneside College

Date: Wednesday 10 May 2017

Time: 4.00pm – 5.45pm

Present: Andrew Watts (Chair)
David Byrne
George Clark
Terry Cornick
Malcolm Grady
Mark Overton
Alain Reynier
Andy Walton
Lindsey Whiterod

Apologies: Susan Wear
Nick Whalen-Griffiths
Des Young

In Attendance: Neil Longstaff (Clerk)
Helen Beaton

ITEM NO.	ISSUES	ACTION
1.	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>The Board received and approved apologies for absence from those identified above after having first considered the reasons for their absence.</p>	
2.	<p>Declarations of interests</p> <p>The Chair reminded members to declare any conflicts of interest as they arose on the agenda.</p> <p>The members of the Board were reminded of the standing declarations in respect of roles held in the Academy Trust for the following governors:</p> <p>L Whiterod (LW) - Director, Member and Chief Executive A Watts – Director and Member M Grady - Member</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of the Merger Committee/Shadow Board and Matters Arising</p> <p>The minutes and confidential minutes of the meetings of the Merger Committee and Shadow Board held on 20 March and 6 April respectively were received by the Board.</p> <p>Matters arising not covered on agenda</p>	

	<p><u>Area Review Report</u></p> <p>The Chair informed the members of the Board that the publication of the final report had been delayed and was not expected to be available until after the general election.</p>	
4.	<p>Consideration of development of Merger with TyneMet College - Update</p> <p>Confidential item</p>	
5.	<p>Ofsted Support and Challenge Visit at South Tyneside College</p> <p>LW referred to Ofsted's very positive outcome letter of 27 April 2017 regarding the 'Support and challenge visit: Full-time provision for 14- to 16-year-old students' which had taken place on 25 April. Two senior HMIs had inspected the provision for the 21 learners aged 14-16 who were attending one of two very distinct strands of vocational provision established by STC, the Career College North East and the Youth College.</p> <p>The inspectors had spoken with all the students who were clear about their aims. Inspectors had also focused particularly on the transition from school. In addition, safeguarding had been a particular line of enquiry and LW reported that all members of the Career College Board, including employers, should be trained on the 'Prevent' duty.</p> <p>There had been a dispute over mixed age groups particularly around safeguarding but Inspectors, having reflected on the appropriate guidance, agreed that the College was complying and had been correct in its interpretation of this guidance.</p> <p>Governors congratulated senior managers and their staff on the positive outcome of Ofsted's 'Support and challenge visit' and thanked AW and John Haynes (ENGIE representative on the Career College Board) for their contributions during the inspection.</p> <p>Q. How can this be communicated to schools? Although the Ofsted letter could not be published the feedback was to be reported to appropriate stakeholders at every opportunity, which included local Head Teachers.</p> <p>Resolved: That the report is received and acknowledged.</p>	
6.	<p>Academy Trust Update</p> <p>Confidential item</p>	
7.	<p>Any other business</p> <p><u>Apprenticeships</u></p> <p>It was noted that the College was in discussions with NEXUS over apprenticeship provision.</p>	
8.	<p>Date and time of future meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 12 July 2017 at 4.00pm 	

9.	Identification of confidential items Resolved: That the following matters are to remain confidential: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Item 4 – Consideration of development of Merger with TyneMet College – Update• Item 6 - Academy Trust Update	
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Chair:Date: