

Meeting of the Governance and Search Committee

Venue: Base Room, Principalship Corridor, South Tyneside College

Date: Tuesday 23 February 2016

Time: 12noon – 1.25pm

Present: Peter Davidson (in the Chair)
Malcolm Grady
Les Watson
Lindsey Whiterod

In Attendance: Neil Longstaff – Clerk to the Board

ITEM NO.	ISSUES	ACTION
1.	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>There were no apologies for absence received.</p>	
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Members were reminded to declare any conflict of interest as they arose on the agenda.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meetings</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2016 were approved and signed by the Chair.</p> <p>Matters arising not covered on the agenda</p> <p><u>3.1 Governance Review</u></p> <p>The Clerk informed governors that advice had been received from the auditors over the proposal to merge Audit and Governance & Search Committees. They stated that Audit should be an independent committee as it advised on the effectiveness of governance processes rather than being part of them. However, it was not illegal to combine the committees.</p> <p>Governors considered the most appropriate way forward in light of this information. It was suggested that to avoid a potential conflict, it was suggested that any audit reports being presented on governance could be referred to the full Board for approval.</p> <p>Resolved: That the Committee agree to make a recommendation to the Board to combine the Audit and G&S Committees on condition that all audit reports relating to governance are presented to the full Board for approval.</p> <p><u>3.2 Succession Planning</u></p> <p>Confidential item.</p>	

4.	Succession Planning – Consideration of future vacancies Confidential item.	
5.	Nominations for Fellowships Confidential item.	
6.	Any Other Business None.	
7.	Identification of Confidential Items Resolved: That Item 4 and 5 are to remain confidential.	
8.	Date of next meeting The next Committee meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 25 May 2016 at 4.00pm.	

Signed:

Date: