

The Manchester College Board

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 7th February 2020 at 10am at OP116/117.

Present: Cllr John Hacking (Chair), Catherine Hill OBE, Lisa O'Loughlin (Principal), Malcolm Sugden.

Apology: Jenifer Burden, Pauline Waterhouse OBE

In Attendance: Rachel Curry (Deputy Principal), Katy Ellams (Assistant Company Secretary and Legal Officer), John Evans (Vice Principal - Quality and Standards), Jennifer Foote MBE (Company Secretary and General Counsel), Lindsey Johnson (Vice Principal - Curriculum and Support), Christine Kenyon (Deputy Principal), Debbie Sanderson (Divisional Finance Director - College and Income Team) Michael Walsh (Vice Principal and Dean - HE and Higher Skills).

Observers: Barry Atkins (Assistant Principal) and Jess Draper (Student Co-optee elect)

No declaration of interests were received.

In the absence of Pauline Waterhouse John Hacking took the Chair.

Part A

01/20	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2019</p> <p>The Part A minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2019 were received and approved as a correct record.</p>
02/20	<p>Appointment of Student Co-optee</p> <p>RESOLVED to recommend to the LTE Group Board the appointment of Jess Draper as the student co-optee for The Manchester College Divisional Board for the academic year 2019/20.</p>

<p>03/20</p>	<p>Strategy Refresh</p> <p>The Board was provided with an update on the above, with particular focus on the College’s strategic review in line with the LTE Group’s Vision 2025 objectives. The broad strategic themes were identified detailing their five key priorities with an additional strand of investment. There was a clear emphasis on ‘Our City, Our Community’ and the alignment of strategic objectives both with the MCC Industrial Strategy and the GM Strategy.</p> <p>With reference to the objective in Theme 1 – “Our Students”, measures to address adult opportunities, the Board discussed how in-work progress could be effectively measured. It was confirmed that the College was mindful of this and had considered that a reasonable indicative measure would be the assessment of impact on wage progression. However, it was understood that as alternative ways of measuring this target were developed the impact measure could reflect these changes.</p> <p>The Board congratulated the team on Theme 2 “Excellence” but felt that the word ‘vocational’ was outdated. After further discussions it was agreed to replace reference to this with ‘professional/technical’ to keep in line with industry standards.</p> <p>In respect of Theme 4 – “Our People and Culture”, the Board welcomed the focus on wellbeing and suggested the inclusion of measures to demonstrate the impact of support mechanisms would be useful.</p> <p>In respect of Theme 5 “Our Environment and Investment”, it was considered that, whilst the recognition of the importance of environment and sustainability measures were important and to be welcomed, further consultation was needed to ensure these resonated with the student cohort. The Principal confirmed that the College was in the preliminary stages and a series of consultations with both staff and students was planned. It was recognised that the Student Union would play a leading role in the process in the college.</p>
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The meeting closed at 1:07 pm.