

FE Divisional Board

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15 June 2016 at 9am in Room 116/117

Present: Pauline Waterhouse (Chair), Jenifer Burden, Adrian Mills and Lisa O'Loughlin (Principal)

Apologies: Cllr John Hacking

In Attendance Rob Cressey (Group Finance Officer), Rachel Curry (Vice Principal Planning and Performance), John Evans (Vice Principal Quality and Standards), Angela Foulkes (Vice Principal Student Support), Christine Kenyon (Vice Principal FE), Hilda Koon (Assistant Principal ESOL), Jennifer McKenna (Assistant Company Secretary) and Debbie Sanderson (Head of Finance Business Partnering - College)

Apology: Jennifer Foote (Company Secretary and General Counsel)

No declarations of interest were received.

Part A

12/16	Part A Minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2016 The Part A minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2016 were received and approved as a correct record subject to minor amendments.
13/16	Study Programmes The Vice Principal FE presented an update on Study Programmes for 16-18 year olds. The Board heard that from September 2016 the College would be implementing a revised curriculum model to deliver the new requirements in line with the FE strategy and the brand strategy of "careers not courses". An overview of the new curriculum model was provided including the new focus on employability. A number of new initiatives were outlined. A Governor queried whether it was still the intention to embed individual Maths specialists in each curriculum area. It was confirmed that it was but that progress had been slow as recruitment had been a challenge. The strategic importance of IT and shared services to College 2020 was noted. It was agreed that a paper on group services should be presented to a future meeting. A Governor noted that group services needed to be prioritised and monitored at both the executive and governance levels. The Chair congratulated the Principal and her team on the new curriculum model which was ambitious and highly innovative. Hilda Koon joined the meeting

14/16	<p>English & Maths Report</p> <p>The Vice Principal Curriculum & Support introduced an update on the College's English and Maths provision. Due to changes to the conditions of funding, the College had seen a massive increase in the enrolment of young people in English and Maths in 2016-17. The Board heard that, amongst GM Colleges, the College had achieved the second highest GCSE A*-C in both English and Maths in 2014-15. It was reported that 19+ provision had been deliberately decreased in order to focus on the vastly increased 16-18 cohort. A Governor queried the impact on these adult learners. It was confirmed that the College had an increased waiting list for adults and although additional courses were being planned for 2016-17 demand would still outstrip provision. The Board noted that this was a GM wide problem and that many Colleges had no adult GCSE provision at all.</p> <p>The Assistant Principal ESOL gave an update on ESOL and Functional Skills. A Governor queried whether the grade for Functional Skills was linked to the fact that it was not centrally delivered like the GCSEs. It was confirmed that the delivery model had been changed to local provision to increase ownership at curriculum level and that the Assistant Principals had all been given improvement targets. A Governor queried which curriculum areas had been most successful to date. It was confirmed that each curriculum area was implementing the strategy in its own way but that attendance and punctuality had improved throughout the College.</p> <p>The Board heard that the College had participated in the GM pilot for Core Maths achieving 100% attendance and exam success and had hosted a conference for teachers and students. This provision would be expanded in 2016-17.</p> <p>Hilda Koon left the meeting.</p>
	<p>Due to the commercially sensitive nature of the business to be discussed IT WAS RESOLVED to move to part B.</p>
	<p>----- Chair</p> <p>----- Date</p>