

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors held on Tuesday 28 September 2021
at 4.00pm at Barnsley College and Virtually

Present: Simon Perryman (Chair)
Nick Bowen (Vice Chair)
Chelle Charlesworth (Staff Governor)
Helen Jaggar (Vice Chair)
Lucy Bartholomew (Student Governor)
Gavin Day (Governor)
Andrew Denniff (Governor)
Bethanie Jacobs (Student Governor)
Tracey Johnson (Governor) (by Teams)
Yiannis Kouris (Principal and CEO)
Marie Lang (Governor) (By Teams)
Helen Weatherston (Staff Governor)

In attendance: David Akeroyd (Deputy Principal – Development & Productivity)
Gavin Batty (Vice Principal Technical & Professional)
Heather Jackson (Director of Governance and Clerk to the Board)
Tony Johnson (Vice Principal – Corporate Services)
Laila Lawton (Vice Principal – Finance)
Ken Merry (Vice Principal Quality & Access to Learning)
Suki Rai (Vice Principal Funding & Performance)

Part I

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PROCEDURAL MATTERS	
B21/157	Agenda Item No. 1: Quoracy The meeting was quorate.
B21/158	Agenda Item No. 2: Apologies for absence Apologies were received from David Shepherd, Liz Leek, Conor Moss, Kay Dickinson and Sharon Jandu.
B21/159	Agenda Item No. 3: Declarations of interest

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	Tracey Johnson declared her interests as an employee of Barnsley Metropolitan District Council and noted that Wellspring Trust and ITS were both tenants of the Digital Media Centre which she managed.
B21/160	<p>Agenda Item No. 4 – Minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2021</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2021.</p>
B21/161	<p>Agenda Item No. 5: Matters arising from the last meeting</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>
B21/162	<p>Agenda Item No. 6: Mandatory Training</p> <p>The Clerk reminded Governors that they needed to complete the mandatory training on Prevent and Safeguarding.</p>
B21/163	<p>Agenda Item No. 7: Park Road Works</p> <p>The Clerk noted that a small group of governors had given permission to proceed with the Park Road repair works during August and it had been agreed that the full detail of the approval would be brought to the next Board meeting.</p> <p>Governors noted the update and approval given.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to note the report on the Park Road Works.</p>
B21/164	<p>Agenda Item No. 8: Results</p> <p>The results were presented to the Board by the Vice Principal, Quality, Principal, Sixth Form, Director of Quality (HE) and Managing Director (ITS & Smartstyle).</p> <p>Governors noted that learners lost between 12 and 16 weeks of learning in the last year.</p> <p>Governors noted the results from the sixth form and queried the targets that had been set. It was noted that the target had been set as ALPS 4 within a three year period and it was agreed that although the results currently showed ALPS 3 this may change as students return to face to face teaching and assessments.</p>

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	<p>Governors queried the targets around Russell Group universities and discussed whether this was the right barometer. It was agreed that they acted as a good proxy to raise expectations.</p> <p>It was agreed that a new measure on the number of students who achieved their first choice would be added next year.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to add the number of students who achieved their first choice university as a measure in the 2022 report.</p> <p>Governors noted the subject areas where ALPS scores had changed.</p> <p>The Vice Principal Quality noted that for classroom based learning College results had stayed mostly stable compared to the sector which had dipped. Governors discussed the results and noted areas for development and the actions proposed in the coming year.</p> <p>Governors discussed the changes in CSTEM and the challenges facing apprentices in the last 18 months. In relation to ITS, it was noted that progress was being made but some learners were not completing in a timely fashion.</p> <p>In the discussion on Higher Education it was noted the NSS scores had improved significantly from 2018.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the team for their presentation and noted the picture that it painted of the organisation as a whole.</p> <p>It was agreed that the first two dives would cover CSTEM and Apprenticeships. The Clerk would approach governors to take part.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the focus of the first two deep dives would be CSTEM and Apprenticeships accordingly.</p>
B21/165	<p>Agenda Item No. 9: Date and time of next meeting of the Board</p> <p>Tuesday 19 October – 4.00pm</p>

The meeting closed at 18:16

Signed (Chair): **Dated:**

