



Board of Governors

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on 30th September 2020

20/18 Attendance

18.1 Present

Mr J Bateman OBE	Independent Governor, Chair
Mr C Arntzen	Independent Governor
Dr D Beech	Independent Governor
Mr J Bothamley CBE	Independent Governor
Mr S Devlin	Co-opted Governor
Mr R Dudley	Staff Governor
Mrs D Gant	Independent Governor
Professor D Green CBE	Vice Chancellor & Chief Executive
Mrs A Hooper	Independent Governor
Mr D Iddon	Independent Governor
Mr N Khan	Independent Governor
Dr D McDougall	Staff Governor
Rev'd Dr A Pettersen	Independent Governor
Dr S Pittaway	Staff Governor
Miss M Price	Student Governor
Mr M Scriven	Staff Governor
Mr I Smith	Independent Governor
Mr H South	Student Governor
Mrs S Speck	Independent Governor

18.2 In Attendance

Mr R Bonham	Director of Finance & Resources
Mrs J Britton	Director of Communications & Participation
Mrs A Cope	Director of Human Resources
Professor S Greer	Deputy Vice Chancellor & Provost
Ms H Johnstone	Head of Governance and Regulatory Affairs (Clerk to the Board)
Ms T Manning	Vice President, Students' Union
Mrs J Newland	Assistant Clerk to the Board
Mr R Renton	Pro Vice Chancellor Students

18.3 Apologies

Dr C Jones	Independent Governor
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20/19 Declarations of Interests

19.1 There were no declarations of interest declared.

20/20 Chair's Introduction

20.1 The Chair noted the purpose of this second session of the Board meeting was to consider the proposals for the development of the Severn Campus and the Board Effectiveness Review.

20/21 Proposals for the Severn Campus

21.1 Proposals for the development of the Severn Campus [BG20/16]

21.1.1 The Vice Chancellor presented the paper on the overall vision for the Severn Campus and recommendations on each of the components. He noted that the development of the Severn Campus had been a long-held ambition of the University and the Board since the early 2000s.

22.1.2 – 22.1.6 [NOT FOR PUBLICATION]

21.1.7 It was noted the Finance & Development Committee had considered the plans and supported the proposals as part of the University's core strategies. The Students' Union President added students were very supportive of the plans.

21.1.8 The Board approved the following recommendations:

- i) Three Counties Centre for Health and Medicine - that the University submit a planning application for the refurbishment of the former Worcester News building and proceed with the appointment of a contractor to deliver the project. (Section 2 of BG20/16)
- ii) IICEC - that the project proceed to planning but that the appointment of contractors is subject to sufficient funding (University and third party) being available. (Section 3 of BG20/16)
- iii) Severn Campus Infrastructure - that the infrastructure project proceed to planning and that contractors are appointed as appropriate to achieve the requirements of the Rebuilding Britain funding. (Section 4 of BG20/16)
- iv) That a Severn Campus Project Board is established (Section 5 of BG20/16).

21.2 [NOT FOR PUBLICATION]

20/22 Board Effectiveness Review

22.1 Report on the Board Effectiveness Review and draft Action Plan [BG20/17]

22.1.1 The Clerk to the Board introduced the review of the Effectiveness of the Board of Governors, proposed next steps and draft Action Plan. The review makes 39 recommendations and it was noted it is for the Board to consider how to take the recommendations forward. The draft Action Plan suggests a series of workshops during the course of the year to take forward the recommendations that require discussion by the Board.

22.2 Group Discussion 1:

[NOT FOR PUBLICATION]

22.3 Group Discussion 2:

22.3.1 [NOT FOR PUBLICATION]

22.3.2 It was agreed to bring the Advance HE Race Equality Charter back to the Board in order that the process of gaining the Charter could be discussed and implemented. The Chair and Clerk to the Board are to review the remaining feedback and what to take forward. Governors were asked to send any further thoughts to the Chair or Clerk to the Board.

20/23 Any Other Business

23.1 There was no other business.

20/24 **Date of Next Meeting**

24th/25th November 2020.