



## Northern College

### THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Minutes of the additional meeting of the Board of Governors held on **31 March 2021**.

**Present:** Bob Harrison (Chair), Clive Macdonald, Yultan Mellor (Principal), Tim Thornton, Mike Bramhall, Colin Forrest, Liz Stanley, Neil James, Ken Richardson, Angus Morrison and Ann Corrigan.

**In attendance:** The Assistant Principal – Finance and Business Services (Joy Whistlecraft), the Assistant Principal – Student Experience (Diane Lawson), the Assistant Principal – Curriculum, Quality and Market Development (Emma Beal), the Head of Human Resources (Elin Longley), Tom Morrison (Stone King LLP) and the Clerk to the Governors (Sarah Johnson).

**Apologies:** Frank Lord and John Edwards.

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

B21/30 Each governor present declared any potential interests/conflicts of loyalty related to items to be considered at the meeting. With respect to his roles as Deputy Vice Chancellor at the University of Huddersfield and member of the Leeds City Region Employment and Skills Panel Prof Tim Thornton declared a potential conflict of loyalty in items relating to the College's higher education provision. It was agreed that no decisions to be taken at the meeting would be affected and it was not considered necessary for the member to withdraw.

#### MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

B21/31 The minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2021 were approved as an accurate record.

B21/32 The Board ratified the decision made by chairs' action, as delegated at the meeting on 11 March 2021, to appoint Sue Saunders to the interim position of Assistant Principal – Finance and Business Services. The Board sought and received assurance that this had been supported by the Further Education Commissioner. It was noted that in addition the College was also seeking to commission some further finance consultancy to support it through the FEC led structure and prospects appraisal process.

#### ESFA AUDIT AND DFE REVIEW OF RESIDENTIAL FUNDING (Document 2i)

B21/33 A separate confidential minute was recorded.

#### FURTHER EDUCATION COMMISSIONER (Document 2ii)

B21/34 A separate confidential minute was recorded.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2019/20 (Document 2iii)

B21/35 A separate confidential minute was recorded.

#### BUZZACOTT REVIEW OF THE COLLEGE'S FINANCIAL POSITION AND PROJECTIONS 2020/21 TO 2022/23 (Document 2iv)

B21/36 A separate confidential minute was recorded.

#### FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT (Document 2v)

B21/37 A separate confidential minute was recorded.

#### COLLEGE PROPERTY REVIEW

B21/38 A separate confidential minute was recorded.

**PENSIONS POSITION REVIEW**

B21/39 A separate confidential minute was recorded.

**CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

B21/40 The Board approved the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2021 as an accurate record.

**DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS**

B21/41 Thursday 15 July 2021– 11.00am  
Thursday 30 September 2021 - 11.00am  
Thursday 16 December 2021 - 11.00am  
Thursday 10 March 2022 - 11.00am  
Thursday 14 July 2022 - 11.00am