

PRESENT: Mr Bill Midgley (Chair of Governors)
Cllr Janet Hunter
Mr Bernard Garner
Mrs Vivien Shipley
Mr Jon Vincent, Principal

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Rosamund Moore, Company Secretary

[The meeting commenced at 3.30 pm]

ACTION

1. Apologies for Absence

None.

2. Declaration of Interest

The Chair and Vice Chair of Governors declared an interest in item 4.a. in relation to consideration of their own reappointment.

3. Minutes and matters arising of the Governance, Performance and Search Committee meeting of 23 March 2016

The minutes of the meeting of 23 March 2016 were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair of Governors.

The following matters were dealt with Under Matters Arising:

Item 6, Honorary Associate Awards: The Principal reported that Mr Lee Hall, former Tynemouth College student, had accepted the nomination for an Honorary Associate Award. A suitable date for formally making the award would be identified in due course as Mr Hall was not available on 30 June.

Arrangements were in place for Prof Chris Day to receive his award at this year's HE Celebration on 30 June.

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Item 9, Equal Opportunity Monitoring Information: The Company Secretary confirmed that Governors would be asked to complete the equal opportunities monitoring information in July alongside the update to their Register of Interests and Confirmation of Eligibility form.

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All other actions had been, or were being, taken forward as agreed.

4.a Corporation Board Composition and Reappointments

Taking account of the Company Secretary's report, the Chair of Governors observed that the impending North East Area Review was likely to result in change for TyneMet as an organisation within the not-too-distant future, although the timescales were not yet clear. In this context, abstaining from making a recommendation about his own position, he felt that the Committee should recommend reappointment of those Governors whose terms of office were coming to an end on 31 July.

In addition, he felt that it would not be appropriate to appoint a new Governor to the Board for what might be a short period and therefore he did not envisage the current Independent Governor vacancy being filled. Rather, it would be more sensible to reduce the size of the Board by one, to 17 members.

With Mr Midgley and Cllr Hunter abstaining with regard to their own reappointment, the Committee agreed to recommend reappointing the following Independent Governors for a second three-year term of office from 1 August 2016 to 31 July 2017: Dr Graeme Cruickshank, Prof Mary Dunning, Councillor Janet Hunter, Mr Bill Midgley, Mr Colin Seccombe and Mrs Veena Soni.

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The Committee agreed to recommend not filling the vacancy created by Mr Ward's resignation and that the size of the Corporation Board should be reduced by one, to 17 members.

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The Committee noted that:

- the Board continued to retain the vacancy for the Independent Governor position allocated to one of the QA Sixth Form College Head Teachers and that this matter would be taken forward at an appropriate point in 2016;

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- the formal nomination process for Chair and Vice Chair of Governors would commence this term;

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- the annual nomination process for the two Student Governors would be taken forward at the start of next academic year as per the usual cycle; and

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- nominations would be sought in due course for the three HE Associate Members of the QA Sixth Form College Committee for a period from 1 August 2016 to 31 July 2018.

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5. Any Other Business

With respect to the Student Governors, it was agreed to give further consideration as to how outgoing Student Governors might promote the role to other students and / or act as mentors to incoming Student Governors. The Company Secretary indicated she would discuss this with the Director of Learning Development before the next meeting.

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6. Any items to be designated as non-confidential or no longer exempted following this meeting and conversely any items to be designated as exempted/confidential None.

Date and time of next meetings:

- **Wednesday, 29 June 2016, 3.30 pm**

[The meeting closed at 3.55 pm.]