

PRESENT: Helen Walley (Chair)
Kene Ibezi
Stephan John
Roz Liard
Gordon Smith
Tim Thirlwall
Kate Ward
Piers White
Frances Wadsworth

ALSO ATTENDING: Neil Blackmore (Clerk to the Governors)

APOLOGIES Caroline Allen
Clare Mackie

Following the resignation of the Clerk, the Chair outlined initial discussions with the outgoing clerk, the Principal and other Governors about options for recruitment. It was **RESOLVED** to seek to recruit another part-time in-house Clerk at the earliest opportunity. An interview date of 3 July was proposed, noting that it might be necessary to arrange temporary clerking cover after the departure of the current Clerk. It had been agreed to advertise the post as competitively remunerated (within the AoC range) and to be flexible about time commitment, using 0.6-0.7 as a guide, with the necessity being to attend the evening sessions. National advertisements would be placed.

The Chair then signalled her intention to resign as Chair and as Governor at the end of the current academic year. The Clerk outlined the nominations/election process, inviting nominations and expressions of interest in the next weeks, aiming to a final list for Search on 19 June. If necessary, a ballot would be held on or before 3 July. The following possibilities for a new chair were discussed:

1. Election of a new chair for a full four-year term
2. Election of a new chair for a shorter term, perhaps 18-24 months, for the next period going into inspection in spring 2014 and immediately after
3. The identification and/or election of a chair designate to use the period described at 2. to prepare for the role of Chair in future.

Interested parties were asked to contact the Chair or the Clerk. The Principal thanked the Chair for her work during the last two and a half years.

The meeting then ended at 8.20pm.