

**PRESENT** Roz Liard (Chair)  
Tim Thirlwall  
Helen Walley (Chair of Governors)  
Frances Wadsworth

**ATTENDING** Neil Blackmore (Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** Piers White

## **1 APOLOGIES**

As noted.

## **2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No new declarations were made.

## **3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 February 2013**

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

### **3.1 Matters Arising**

There were none.

## **4 SUCCESSION PLANNING: THE ELECTION OF THE CHAIR**

The Clerk reported on the position of the election of a new Chair of Governors at the time of the meeting, the position becoming vacant at the end of the academic year. One candidate had currently come forwards and was prepared to stand on a full four-year term. On that basis, it was agreed to accept the advice of the Clerk that there would be no need at this stage to appoint a Chair Designate, should that candidacy (or indeed another, on similar terms) be acceptable to the board on 3 July. A vice-chair, if needed, would have to be nominated at the board meeting, and one person had communicated their preparedness to take on this role, if necessary. The Clerk noted that it was possible to have more than one vice-chair.

There was a discussion about potential changes to the chairships of committees arising in the next year or so. Candidates for specific roles from both current and potential new members (see item 5) were informally discussed without decision, but it was agreed that this would have to be discussed more fully once the new Chair was in position.

## **5 APPOINTMENT OF NEW GOVERNORS**

Three candidates for Governors had been recently interviewed by a panel consisting of members of this Committee.

### **5.1. T Morgan**

Governors agreed that this candidate had particularly strong skills on capital projects and estates, as well as good leadership and governance experience. His skill set would be a good match for the board's needs in the coming period, particularly T Thirlwall's, who will step down at the end of 2013.

This candidate was **RECOMMENDED** to the Governing Body.

#### 5.2. C O' Donnell

Governors agreed that this candidate had strong project-management, risk, budgetary and IT-infrastructure skills with a clear commitment to the Croydon area, and his appointment would meet the Membership Policy's direction to recruit younger cohorts of board members.

This candidate was **RECOMMENDED** to the Governing Body.

#### 5.3. M Sims

Governors stated that this candidate had strong community links and demonstrated a passion for and knowledge of Croydon, its communities and its businesses, and his appointment would meet the Membership Policy's direction to recruit younger cohorts of board members.

This candidate was **RECOMMENDED** to the Governing Body.

Governors had a discussion about the representativeness of the board, mindful of the need to maintain and further develop a good ethnic and gender mix (as per the Membership Policy).

### **6 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST POLICY**

The report was **RECEIVED**. It was **RESOLVED** to use this pro forma created by Eversheds for Conflict/Register of Interests declarations in future.

### **7 DATES FOR NEXT YEAR**

The dates were noted.

### **8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

The meeting then ended at 7.30pm.