

Minutes of the special electronic Corporation meeting held at 1700hrs on 22 April 2021.

Present	Guy Ainsley	Phil Berry	Irina Kendix	Richard Lewis
	Matt Luheshi	Chris Nicholls	David York	Ben Stapleton
	Jason Smith	Paul Thompson	Phil Thompson (Chair)	Alberto Ucci
	Gill Worgan (Principal)			
In Attendance	Ralph Devereux (Clerk)	Gary Dixon (DPQ)	Cath Gunn (Principal, Barnfield)	Sarah Knowles (DP (P&D))
	Tammy Nuthall (DP, Barnfield)	Eamonn McCarroll (DoF)	Gill O'Connell (Dacorum)	

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

PART ONE

61/20 ELIGIBILITY, QUORUM, DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- a. No notice had been received of any Member becoming ineligible to hold office, the meeting was quorate and there had been no interests declared.
- b. Electronic meetings were confirmed as compliant with Standing Orders (SO); members had submitted questions in advance and these would be addressed at the relevant stage of the agenda. The meeting format was explained and agreed. **(Action 1)**

62/20 BARNFIELD COLLEGE (BC) PHASE ONE CAPITAL UPDATE

The Corporation had approved a “new build” solution to replace the dilapidated Enterprise Way (EW) campus (51/20 refers) with a new purpose-design building and work was underway on (Masterplan) Phase One; the Principal then delivered an interactive electronic presentation updating the meeting on progress and associated issues. Full graphics, floor plans and representational drawings of the internal layouts of the buildings with external final elevations and landscaping were included and prompted a lively and interactive discussion.

The information was received and noted.

63/20 MASTERPLAN

The proposal to deliver a new construction and engineering (C&E) centre at the New Bedford Road Campus together with a modern “fit-for-purpose” sports hall was then discussed. The last meeting had fully discussed and unanimously approved the full estates strategy, which clearly supported delivery of the Group strategic planning and growth plans. What was under consideration at this meeting was a determination to progress to the next stage of that process and those considerations were informed by a comprehensive document set out in 8 sections. The 3 phase plan had originally been approved in May 2019 and the first phase was planned to be completed in May 2022; cost of Phase 2 and 3, was estimated at £30m and £5.5m respectively if constructed as individual projects. A submission for funding under the Further Education Capital Transformation Fund (FECTF) had been submitted in March and if successful the project would be time limited to September 2024. The Sports Hall could be included in the planning process for the C&E Centre allowing appointment of a single contractor to complete both, which would be considerably more cost effective (estimated £400k savings). The full funding arrangements for the project were presented with no difficulties at present including the minimum College cash holding limits. There was even an additional possibility of a grant from the “levelling up” fund. The strong FECTF application met all the necessary criteria and was likely to receive approval. It was clearly necessary to move quickly given the time limit and the combined Phase 2&3 bid would help with this. Members were reassured that all forecast receipts from sales had been cautiously based. The Department was likely to embrace these proposals and the end result would be an impressive campus in a depressed social area. The grant process was in two stages, the outlined stage one outcome would be announced on

21 May 2021, the detailed stage 2 submission was required in July for final announcement by the end of September.

It was **agreed and approved** to:

- a. progress the delivery of a new purpose-design construction and engineering campus (Approved Masterplan Phase 2) to detailed planning/end of design stage 3 and agree a budget of £812k for the work; **(Action 2)**
- b. approve the application to the Further Education Capital Transformation Fund (FECTF), (which had been submitted in March); **(Action 3)**
- c. progress delivery of a replacement sports hall (Approved Masterplan Phase 3) to detailed planning/end of design stage 3 and agree a budget of £155k for the work; **(Action 4)**
- d. progress the sale of the EW campus with outline planning for a residential development, with the cost of the sale being met from the sales receipt; and **(Action 5)**
- e. approve the application to the "TLevel" Capital Fund, (which had been submitted in March). **(Action 6)**

The information was received and noted.

Actions had been identified. (Register 66/20 below)

64/20 URGENT BUSINESS

There had been no urgent business requested.

65/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be at 1700 on 12 May 2021.

66/20 ACTION REGISTER

See referenced minute for full detail.		Resp	Date
Action 1	61/20a. Meeting format agreed.	Chair	wie
Action 2	63/20a. Progress C&E Campus to design stage 3 at a budget of £812k,		
Action 3	63/20b. Application to FECTF approved.		
Action 4	63/20c. Progress sports hall to design stage 3 at a budget of £155k.		
Action 5	63/20d. Progress sale of EW campus.		
Action 6	63/20e. Application to TLevel Capital Fund approved.		

Ralph Devereux (Clerk) for Phil Thompson (Chair)

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