

## **Preston's College**

Minutes of the Board meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 5.00pm in the Board Room at Preston's College.

### **Present:**

Mr J Taylor (Chair)

Mr E Bassa  
Mr S Browne  
Mr M Driver  
Ms R Kay  
Mr P Kennedy  
Mr T Readett  
Dr E H Smith

### **In Attendance:**

Mr S Nixon	Executive Director of Resources
Mr M Noblett	Assistant Principal - Excellence & Learning
Mrs M Haworth	Assistant Principal – Excellence & Learning
Mr C Speight	Vice Principal (Enterprise and Engagement)
Ms G Thornton	Head of Human Resources
Mrs R Paley	Principal's Executive Assistant

Prior to the meeting, a tour of the campus was provided for Board members.

### **200. Welcome and Apologies**

The Board noted that apologies for absence had been received from Mr J Boydell, Ms L Hornsby, Cllr R Boswell, Ms D Hemsley, Mrs A Markland, Cllr J Morgan and Mr J Wilson.

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Mr J Taylor was appointed Chair for this meeting.

### **201. Declarations of Interest**

The Board again noted the previous and long standing declarations from Mrs L Butler, Dr A Jones, Mr S Fell and Mr P McMellon given their status as employees of the University of Central Lancashire. This accounted for

their absence from this meeting.

Mr S Nixon took the role of Clerk for the meeting, assisted by Mrs R Paley.

## **202. Structure and Prospects Appraisal and Area Review**

Dr L Smith provided a brief update on the Lancashire Area Based Review and the meetings and work completed to date.

Mr C Speight presented the proposed documents to be submitted to the Area Review Team, in advance of Steering Group 3 (30 November). These detailed the College's preferred option of a substantive partnership with UCLan through a wholly owned subsidiary company with FE Designated Status. However, the granting of such status is not in the College's control and will require a policy decision by the Department for Education. Mr S Nixon referred to previous advice from Eversheds on the advantages of this model.

Members of the Board discussed the points raised, seeking assurances that full consideration had been given to the budget and sustainability going forward. The Board was reassured, understanding that a substantial amount of work had been carried out on the budget and this is continuing. This work would be shared through Business Planning Committee and the Transition Advisory Group.

The College is confident that it will be able to stand alone in the short term, pending final decisions on the FE Designated Status model. Closer interactional partnerships will still be pursued with UCLan in the interim as an intermediate stage in the formation of a clearer legal structure.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) That the Executive Summary submission for Area Review is approved;**
- (ii) That the preferred legal structure as 'FE Designated Status' – recognising that this will require DfE approval – is approved.**

## **203. AOB**

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## **204. Date of Next Meeting**

The Board noted that the next Board Meeting was scheduled to take place at **5.00pm** on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016.