

HARTLEPOOL COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Governors held on Thursday 15 October 2020 at 5.15pm via TEAMS

Members Present:	Mrs L Watson	Mrs M Roberts
	Mr D Hankey	Mrs L Nelson
	Mr M Ward	Mr S Irvine
	Mr F Ali	Mrs S Robinson
	Mrs L Thornton	

Also present:	Mrs K Dales [Assistant Principal]
	Mr S Hope [Assistant Principal]
	Mr A Theakston [Clerk]

1	A note was made of governors attending and it was confirmed that a quorum was present
2	<p>The meeting had been convened, with due notice, to accept and record the resignation as chair and as a governor of Dr Kate Gillen.</p> <p>Mrs Lorraine Thornton was elected to chair the official part of the meeting to elect an interim Chair and Vice Chair and asked the clerk to introduce this item.</p> <p>The clerk advised that Mrs L Watson and Mr M Ward had offered to be elected to be chair and vice chair respectively for an interim period whilst a permanent chair was being sought.</p> <p>After discussion, there being no other nominations, it was unanimously agreed (with neither of the two nominations voting) that they be appointed as above until 31 March 2021.</p> <p>Mrs Watson then took the Chair</p>
2	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies from J Regan, S Salvin and N Godfrey</p>
3	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no new declarations of interest although SI reminded the committee that he has previously registered his declarations of interest with the Clerk for his employment at North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust and as a Trust member representative on North Tees & Hartlepool Solutions LLP Board (a subsidiary of the Trust).</p>
4	<p>Training</p> <p>The Principal referred to the slide presentation on Mission, expectations and behaviours which had been on Sharepoint for governors to read and gave further explanation on each slide. Copies of all of the papers remain on Sharepoint. All of the presentation had been shared with staff. The fundamental message was that if the college has truly outstanding inputs then the outputs would look after themselves. The expectation of developing and embedding the right types of behaviours depended not only on staff but on governors as well. After elaborating on each slide and answering questions from governors he handed over to Shaun Hope who gave a presentation on questions which ofsted may ask governors and how compliance could be evidenced. In addition to the evidence shown it was noted or emphasised that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The colleges priority was the Quality Improvement Plan (QIP). Everything followed from that • The college had assessed itself as Outstanding • Disadvantaged children (evidenced by free school meals) likely to outperform other students • Excellent results with Maths but worst performing were Fab, Weld and Auto

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Still problems with attendance despite all efforts and aggravated by COVID19. This remains a priority and continues to be addressed• Safeguarding is of paramount importance. Governors have been given access to a safeguarding video which all are to confirm that they have watched.• RESPECT, introduced about 15 years ago, remains an important initiative |
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After answering questions from governors the meeting closed.

Chairman: