



**MINUTES OF THE TRC
SPECIAL CORPORATION MEETING**

MONDAY 16 MAY 2016

PRESENT

Mr P Jagger MBE (Chair); Ms M Allen; Ms J Collier (Vice Chair); Mr R Gray; Mr M Chaudhary; Dr P R Williams; Ms A Todd; Mr A Wilding; Mr R Williams

In Attendance:

Mr M Patterson, Vice Principal Finance & Resources; Mr T Dowling, Vice Principal Teaching & Learning; Mrs S Martin, Clerk

APOLOGIES

16.43 Apologies were received from Mr J Ellis; Mr T Grice; Mr S Kirk; Ms S Sibanda

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

16.44 Members were reminded of the need to declare any interests and reserved the right to declare an interest at any stage of the meeting. No interests were declared.

MINUTES

16.45 The Minutes of the Meetings (Part I and II) held on 25 April 2016 were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

16.46 The Clerk confirmed that one self-nomination for the post of Chair had been received from Paul Jagger, along with a supporting nomination from Jonathan Ellis. For the position of Vice-Chair, one self-nomination had been received from Jane Collier.

RESOLVED: 16.46 That the appointment of Paul Jagger as Chair, and Jane Collier as Vice Chair be approved for a period of two years.

(Post meeting note: The two year period is subject to the re-appointment of both members upon expiry of their term of office during 2017)

AREA BASED REVIEW - RECOMMENDATIONS

16.47 Having been circulated prior to the meeting, members considered the recommendation for TRC resulting from the Sheffield city region area based review process. The recommendation of the steering group, including the commissioners, was:

'Each of Thomas Rotherham College and Longley Park Sixth Form College to explore joining a multi academy trust in their locality. If either college were not to become academies in the 12-16 months following the area review, that institution(s) would look again at options for

collaboration or grouping with each other or other colleges that have been in scope of this area review'.

The recommendation was considered by members, alongside the positive financial assessment data showing the viability of TRC to remain standalone.

The Chair requested any comments, both from members and SLT. The general consensus being that the recommendation was a positive outcome, placing TRC in a strong position to explore the options to ensure the best possible outcome for the long term future of the college. Members unanimously agreed that the recommendation should be accepted.

Mr M Chaudhary arrived at 5:40pm

General discussion followed regarding the next steps to be taken. The Principal explained that discussions between potential partner institutions would need to continue and plans formulated to determine, as near as possible, how the final MAT model would look. This prompted further debate as to when would be an appropriate time to set up a shadow board alongside partner institutions. It was agreed that a shadow board would be required once a formal arrangement was in place, but at this stage an informal working group would be more appropriate.

Members debated when would be the right time to make the final decision about whether to join a multi-academy trust or pursue an alternative option. It was agreed that the decision should be made at a meeting to be held during November 2016, date to be arranged.

As a foundation member, Mrs J Collier raised the subject of the legislation regarding the foundation status of TRC and the impact that the Feoffees may have on the decision making processes of the Corporation. Concern was raised that, currently, it is not clear what this impact may be and that research is necessary in order to establish the legal position of the foundation trust before a final decision is taken. It was suggested that support from the Sixth Form Colleges' Association and the Association of Colleges should be requested in the first instance, with further legal advice sought if and when required.

To conclude discussions, members thanked the Principal and Vice Principals for the work that had been undertaken throughout the area review process.

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| RESOLVED: | 16.47.1 | That by unanimous agreement, the Corporation do accept the area based review steering group recommendation. |
| | 16.47.2 | To formulate an informal working group with potential MAT partner institutions. |
| | 16.47.3 | That a vote whether to pursue the MAT or an alternative option will take place during November 2016. |
| | 16.47.4 | To establish the legal position of the foundation trust within the decision making process of the Corporation. |

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

16.48 The next meeting is to be held on Monday 4 July 2016 at 5.30 pm.

The meeting remained quorate

Signed _____  _____ Date _____ 4th July 2016 _____