



Corporation Meeting

**Thursday 11 December 2025 at 4pm
Boardroom (GR3.26)**

Agenda

Time		Paper
	Declaration of Interests - Members are reminded to declare their interests in any item of business to be discussed at the meeting.	
16:00	1. Chair's introduction, apologies and starred items	
	2. Minutes of the Corporation meeting held on 25 September 2025	A
	3. Matters arising not appearing elsewhere on the agenda	
16:05	4. Principal's Report (Andy Broadbent) – <i>for discussion</i>	Verbal
16:15	5. Receipt of Committee minutes and verbal reports from chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Search & Governance Committee – 7 November 2025• Academy Sponsorship Committee – 13 November 2025• Education Quality Curriculum and Students Committee – 20 November 2025• Audit & Risk Committee – 24 November 2025• Finance & Resources Committee – 26 November 2025	B1 B2 B3a & B3b B4a & B4b B5a & B5b
16:25	6. Appointment of Chair – <i>for approval</i>	C
	7. Appointment of Corporation Member and Committee Composition – <i>for approval</i>	D
16:30	8. Academy Sponsorship – Principal Sponsor Role (Chris Patterson) – <i>for approval</i>	E
16:40	9. Students' Union Report (Matthew Gamsby) – <i>for review and comment</i>	F
16:45	10. Update from Safeguarding Governor (Chris Patterson) – <i>to note</i>	G
16:50	11. Update from Careers Education and Guidance Governor (Helen Golightly) – <i>to note</i>	H

17:00	12. Financial Statements Auditors Audit Findings Report (Azets Audit Services) – <i>to note</i>	I
17:10	13. Audit and Risk Committee reports (Allen Eccles)	
	13.1 Internal Audit Annual Report (Allen Eccles) – <i>to note</i>	*J1
	13.2 Audit & Risk Committee Annual Report 2024/25 (Allen Eccles) – <i>to note</i>	J2
	14. Financial and other matters (Paul Bradley)	
17:15	14.1 New College Durham Annual Accounts for 2024/25 (Paul Bradley) – <i>for approval</i>	K1
17:25	14.2 Financial Monitoring to 31 October 2025 – <i>to note</i>	K2
17:30	14.3 Term 1 Financial Update – <i>to note</i>	K3
17:35	14.4 Cost of Living Pay Award – recommendation from Finance and Resources Committee (Karl Fairley) – <i>for approval</i>	K4
17:50	14.5 Annual Report on Westfirst Ltd for 2024/25 (Paul Bradley) – <i>to note</i>	K5
17:55	14.6 Construction Centre of Excellence – <i>for approval</i>	K6
18:05	15. Strategic Monitoring – <i>for review and comment</i>	
	15.1 Corporate Services (Karl Fairley)	L1
	• 2024/25 Year End Report	
	• 2025/26 Strategic KPI Update	
	15.2 Quality and Curriculum (Alison Maynard)	L2
	• 2024/25 Year End Report	
	• 2025/26 Strategic KPI Update	

STARRED ITEMS

	16. College Self-Assessment Report 2024/25 and FE Quality Development Plan (Alison Maynard) – <i>for approval</i>	M
	17. Higher Education Annual Report 2024/25 and HE Quality Development Plan (Peter Morrison) – <i>for approval</i>	N
	18. Annual Health and Safety Report 2024/25 (Karl Fairley) – recommendation from the Finance & Resources Committee – <i>report to note and statement for approval</i>	O
	19. Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement (Karl Fairley) – <i>for approval</i>	P
	20. Financial Monitoring – Westfirst Limited to 30 September 2025 (Paul Bradley) – <i>to note</i>	Q
	21. Strategic Risk Register Update (Paul Bradley) – <i>to note</i>	R
	22. Use of the College Seal – <i>to note</i>	S
	23. Any other urgent business (communicated to the Head of Governance & Corporation Secretary in advance of the meeting)	

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

18:10	24. Remuneration Committee papers	
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24.1 Receipt of Confidential Committee Minutes – Remuneration Committee – 10 November 2025	T1
24.2 Remuneration Committee Annual Report (2024/25) – <i>to note</i>	T2

25. Date of next meeting: 26 March 2026

26. Meeting Evaluation: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/stQMqaUt51>

Starred items or papers: members will be asked if they wish to discuss any starred items or papers following the Chair’s introduction and the apologies for absence. If there is no request to discuss these items or papers, they will be considered agreed.

Information security: please review your papers online through your NCD Office 365 account. You may return any hard copies from previous meetings to College for shredding.

Corporation members’ area: [Governance & Corporation - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](#) please follow this link to the members’ area on the website where you will find copies of Board/Committee papers, governance documents, training materials and other recommended reading.

Governor networking form: A new feedback form has been created to enable Governors to feedback on any networking activity or professional contacts made that would be useful for the College senior team to follow up. Please use the following link to access the form: [Governor Networking Feedback \(office.com\)](#)

Corporation Members

Stephen King (Chair)
 Andy Broadbent
 Emily Baxter
 Allen Eccles
 Matthew Gamsby
 Hayley Farrell
 Ben Fisher
 Helen Golightly
 Mark Gomersall
 Jonathan Hamill
 Nigel Harrett
 Rhiannon Hiles
 Kathryn McCloghrie
 Chris Patterson
 Philip Pollard
 Bethany Robson
 Suzanne Slater

Attendees

Karl Fairley (Deputy Chief Executive)
 Alison Maynard (Deputy Principal)
 Paul Bradley (Chief Finance Officer)
 Colleen Peters (Vice Principal)
 Andy Stephenson (Vice Principal)
 Adele Dowson (Vice Principal)
 Peter Morrison (Vice Principal)
 Rob Grainey (Vice Principal)
 Caroline Winter (Head of Governance and Corporation Secretary)
 Chloe Freeman (Administrator)