

**The Corporation of New College Durham**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Search and Governance  
Committee held on 16 September 2024**

**Present:**

Stephen King (Chair)  
Andy Broadbent  
Emily Baxter

Ben Fisher  
Ian Green

**Apologies:**

None

**In attendance:**

Caroline Winter, Head of Governance and Corporation Secretary

**Action**

**24/55 Chair's introduction**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded members to declare their interests in any item of business to be considered at the meeting. No interests were declared.

It was noted that this special meeting of the Search and Governance Committee had been called to consider the single item of committee composition matters following a number of governor departures and appointments over the summer period.

**24/56 Apologies for absence – none.**

**24/57 Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting would be considered at the next scheduled meeting of the Committee on 21 October 2024.

**24/58 Review of Committee Composition (Paper A)**

The Chair advised that the meeting was to consider allocation of the newly appointed members to committees, and to review the committees where membership did not meet the agreed composition as a result of recent departures. It was agreed to undertake a comprehensive review of committee composition and chairing for the year ahead at the next meeting, when the feedback from all responses to the individual governor review and reflection survey had been received and governor 121 discussions with the Chair completed.

Members reviewed the current committee composition and chairing arrangements and held a brief discussion on the benefits to individual committees in having both experts and non-experts in the key areas within its remit, as well as the development opportunities for members joining committees that were not within their area of expertise.

Members **agreed to recommend** the following changes to Corporation:

- Kathryn McCloghrie to join the Audit and Risk Committee
- Membership of the newly formed Education Quality Curriculum and Students Committee (EQCS) comprise the members of the former FEQCS and HEQCS Committees
- Hailie Warren and Beatrix Murray English to join the EQCS Committee
- Ben Fisher to be appointed Chair of the EQCS Committee pending the planned review across all committees
- Philip Pollard to join the Finance and Resources Committee
- Emily Baxter to join the Remuneration Committee

**24/59 Any other business - none**

**24/60 Date of next meeting: 21 October 2024**

**Signed**.....**Date**.....