



Minutes

Meeting	Trustees
Date	15 April 2021

Attendance & Apologies

Trustees		Trustees	
Christopher Watt (CW) (Chair)	P	Jo Chitty (JC)	P
Jamie Clarke (JRC) (CEO)	P	Thomas Schilling (TS)	P
Tim Foster (TF)	P	Duncan Nicholson (DN)	P
Trust representatives			
Sue Wagstaff (SW) (CFO)	P	Tracy Routledge (TR) Estates Manager	A
Lindsay Oake (LO) (PAO)	A	Jackie Terebas	P

(key: P=Present, Ap=apologies received, A=absent)

In attendance: Jackie Terebas (HR) JAT, Katie Fell (Clerk) (KLF)

No.	Item	Action
1.	Apologies and introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair of Trustees welcomed trustees and JAT to the meeting. JRC took minutes of the meeting in the absence of Katie Fell (KLF). No apologies received. 	
2.	Declaration of Interests or Conflicts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CFO withheld from discussion on Sponne SCA funding discussions. No other conflicts declared. 	
3.	<u>Minutes of previous board meeting 22nd March 2021</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and confirmed as an accurate record. Confidential minutes were confirmed as an accurate record. The Chair signed the minutes electronically due to Covid-19. All actions were reviewed and confirmed. Energy providers to be confirmed when known. The £85k bank threshold investigation is ongoing. 	
	<u>TLT IT Strategy Consultation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JAT took trustees through the key points of the proposal. JAT shared responses to the consultation that has now closed after 30 days. There had been very little response from our IT staff and none from the unions. However, some changes were made during the consultation that were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated job descriptions, any concerns have been addressed. Exec team has reviewed this and are recommending this to trustees. Trustees thanked JAT for the excellent way this consultation has taken place. IT Strategy Consultation document recommended for approval: <i>Approved by Trustees.</i> 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● JAT left the meeting. 	
	<p><u>TLT School Capital Allocation (SCA) bids 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trustees reviewed the SCA bids to be considered for 2021 funding. ● As previously reported in January, the bids have been prioritised and colour coded in an excel sheet as detailed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Green = compliance / essential items ○ Blue = recommended by Estate Manager based on available funds ○ Orange = recommended but for discussion due to no further funding available ○ Pink = nice to have, but not considered high priority at the moment, and will need to be funded by school or not supported. ● NCC/WNC has made S106 funds available to meet the planned expansion to Science. Consequently the request for funding from Sponne from the SCA funding has been withdrawn. ● Trustees considered the 'blue' items. Sponne curtain walling was agreed to be part of the funding rather than Rushden due to Sponne being at capacity regarding rooms with some flexibility at Rushden. ● Actual allocation for SCA is still unknown. ● <i>Trustees asked why Sponne Science development has been withdrawn. NCC/WNC has increased the level of funding to Sponne from s106 funding that means that the project can be implemented with some reserves from Sponne. Project is going ahead without SCA funding.</i> ● JC questioned if council had agreed this. Funding agreement has already been drawn up but councillors will consider £1.8m s106 funding. This is to be confirmed by councillors rather than if it will happen. ● Revised SCA schemes recommended for final approval. ● DECISION: Trustees approved the green items and the blue. All trustees agreed as per the paper presented at the meeting. 	
	<p><u>Consideration of schools wishing to join TLT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● JRC provided a verbal update re Stantonbury (SIS) since trustees previous meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Letter from GST and RSC went to parents and staff naming TLT as the proposed new sponsor on 26 March ○ Listening period has now started, closes on 21 May ○ Some initial questions received from parents by DfE ○ Meetings with staff and parents on 12 May (post MK elections) ○ Visits to SIS – JRC next week, estate w/c 26 Apr ○ BBC 3 Counties Radio – JRC live interview 1 Apr ○ BBC Look East interview postponed, now after elections ● <i>Trustees asked if they can help with meetings?</i> JRC confirmed will ask closer to the meeting. ● <i>Trustees asked for assurance that TLT would not inherit debt on transfer?</i> JRC confirmed that we have made it clear to the DfE that TLT will not take on any debts on behalf of SIS. 	
	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No further business. ● Thank you to everyone for attending. 	

Meeting closed at: 17:27

Date of next meeting:

Monday 17th May - Finance Committee Meeting 5pm

Monday 7th June - Audit Committee Meeting 5pm

Wednesday 7th July - Board of Trustees Meeting 5pm



Signed: _
Chair of Trustees

Date: 17/05/2021

ACTIONS from this meeting		
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