



SEARCH & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2025
at 10.15am in the Principal's Office

Agenda

		Start Time			
1.	Apologies for absence and Welcomes Welcomes: John Williams - new Chair of Governors and appointed Chair of S & G Committee at Corporation Meeting held on 15th October 2025	10.15	Note		Clerk
2.	Declaration of Interests	10.17	Note		Chair
3.	Minutes of meeting in June 2025	10.18	Approval		Chair
4.	Matters arising - from the last meeting Action Schedule	10.20	Discussion	Refer minutes	Chair
5.	Corporation and Committee Membership Review and Succession Planning a) Front Sheet Papers: i) Membership Terms of Office ii) Committee Membership Schedule iii) Governor Recruitment and Succession Planning Policy - updated as recommended at last meeting: additional section (in bold) regarding Chair's appraisal iv) CVs from Prospective Governors a) Abigail Dombey CV b) Covering email Malcolm Wolf CV	10.25	Discussion/ approval		Chair

	c) Malcolm Wolf CV				
6.	<p>External Board Review</p> <p>a) Stone King/University of Sunderland Research Project</p> <p>Link: https://www.stoneking.co.uk/sectors/education/review-reviews-supporting-effective-college-governing-england-review-external</p>	10.35	Receive		Chair
7.	<p>Corporation Annual Reports</p> <p>a) Attendance 2024-2025</p> <p>b) Training 2024-2025 including any Links visits</p> <p>c) Skills and Experience Audit 2024/2025 (Autumn 2025 Returns - to follow)</p> <p>d) Governors Monitoring/EDI Analysis for DfE Workforce Survey Requirements - Autumn 2025 Returns - to follow</p> <p>e) Annual Returns' Record, including any Declarations of Interest (Autumn 2025 - Update to follow at next meeting once all start of year returns received).</p>	10.45	Note		Chair/ Clerk
8.	<p>Freedom of Information Review</p> <p>a) Summary of FOI Requests 2024/25</p> <p>b) FOI Publication Scheme – annual review</p>	11.00	Approve		Clerk
9.	<p>Confidentiality Review of Corporation & Committee Meeting minutes & meeting papers</p> <p>(last year's review of confidential minutes/papers included in papers; full report incorporating all previous years is available on request).</p>	11.10	Approve		Chair/ Clerk
10.	<p>Governance Self-Assessment</p> <p>a) Front sheet</p> <p>b) Governance SAR (bi) and Action Plan inc. EBR recommendations (bii)</p> <p>c) Individual Governor Self-Assessment</p> <p>d) Committee Self-Assessment Summary - refer front sheet</p> <p>e) SLT feedback</p>	11.15	Approve		Chair/ Clerk
11.	AoC code of Good Governance including the Annual Remuneration Report	11.45	Discuss/ recommendation		Chair/ Clerk

	a) Front sheet b) AoC Code of Good Governance (2023) c) Evidence Template for new Code d) Annual Remuneration Report				
12.	Governor Link Arrangements for 2025/2026	11.55	Approve	Verbal	Chair
13.	Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 12th February 2026 at 10.15am (if required)	12.10	Note	Verbal	Chair
14.	Any other business a) Corporation and Governors' Expenses	12.12	Note	Verbal	Chair
15.	Enclosures: Committee Terms of Reference	-	Reference	-	Chair

c.c. Members of Search & Governance Committee:

John Williams (Chair), Donna-Marie Janson, Alan Walker, Brendan Ward, vacancy

Louise Pennington (Clerk)