

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE FULL GOVERNING BODY

TUESDAY, 21st JUNE 2011

Present: David Arnold (Chairman) Jenny Ayres
Matthew Bindon Sarah Anderson
Rob Johnstone Jeremy Fothergill
Nick Grodhunce Anita Johnson
Kathryn Dunning Steve Tucker

In attendance: Lis Collard (Clerk)
Stuart White
Paul Brooks

Apologies for Absence

Liz Matthews

1. To ratify the 2011-12 budget

The Chairman explained that this had been discussed in detail at the Strategy & Finance Committee meeting earlier that day and opened up the floor to those Governors who had not attended that meeting.

The Business Manager confirmed that he was still working on an indicative budget as the final funding has not yet been confirmed with the YPLA. The full budget has to be submitted to the YPLA by 30th June and he is therefore seeking ratification of this by Governors on the assumption that funding comes through as expected. He confirmed that he is not expecting any significant changes but there may need to be small adjustments once the final figure has been received. Governors may need to meet again should there be the need for major adjustments.

The Business Manager confirmed that the budget reflects the expectation that the YPLA will continue to fund the use of the Leisure Centre in the same way as previously funded by Devon County Council and that the additional costs have been included in the figures. Governors PROPOSED their approval of the budget:

Proposed: Steve Tucker
Seconded: Anita Johnson All in favour

2. Capital Expenditure – IT Infrastructure

The Chairman explained that internal policies dictate return of four tenders within certain financial limits. The Business Manager tendered to 7 IT providers for the proposed IT infrastructure from which only two responded. Of those two the current supplier, Rivanet, is significantly less expensive.

Governors had discussed this at the Strategy & Finance Committee earlier that afternoon and were satisfied that the tendering process had been completed with due diligence and that although only two bids had been received, Rivanet should be awarded the contract. The Committee had therefore recommended to the Full Governing Body that they accept the two responses and not seek further tenders.

Governors confirmed they were happy to accept the two responses and not seek further tenders:

Proposed: Jenny Ayres
Seconded: Sarah Anderson
All in favour

3. The Principal drew attention to the strike planned for Thursday, 30th June involving the NUT and ATL. He explained that 44 teachers are in those two unions, which equate to approximately half the teaching staff. Unions are no longer obliged to give the names of those intending to take strike action. He confirmed that although he can ask teachers to cover lessons, his union advice is that it is best not to do this. He confirmed that as employers the decision whether to remain open or close rests with the Governors based on the Principal's recommendation as to whether it is safe to stay open or not. Governors expressed their wish for the College to remain open if at all possible and it was agreed that the Principal will agree the appropriate course of action with the Chairman of Governors.