

Group :	SPECIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE	Date:	14/09/09
Location:	CONFERENCE ROOM	Time:	6.00 pm
Attendees:	Clerk to the Corporation	Apologies:	Martin Ward (Principal)
Membership:	Dominic Wilson (Chair), Cathryn Hodges, Tim Jones		

34. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

Governance (Appendix 1/17)

The Clerk to the Corporation submitted applications and skills audit forms completed by two prospective Governors. The Committee took into account the current skills/expertise needed to ensure the Board had Governors with the necessary skills to carry out its functions under the Articles of Association. Members were reminded that the Committee and Board had previously agreed that Shropshire Council be approached to nominate a prospective Governor. One of the applicants, Karen Burgoyne, had recently been appointed to the Shropshire Council.

35. Resolved:

(a) That the Board be recommended to appoint Karen Burgoyne as an independent Governor for a four-year period of office with effect from 28 September 2009.

(b) That Charles Lillis not be recommended for appointment at the present time but that, subject to his agreement, his details be kept on the Succession Planning file for future reference.

36. **David Roberts – Independent Member**

The Clerk to the Corporation advised that, because of work commitments, David Roberts had indicated that he would resign should a new independent Governor nominated by the Shropshire Council be recommended for appointment

37. **Staff Governor (Support)**

It was noted that Adrian Bayling had been appointed Staff Governor (Support) for a four year period from 1 September 2009 to 1 September 2013

38. **Student Governors**

It was noted that Sana Ayub and James Ashford had been appointed Student Governors for a one-year term to 15 July 2010.

Appointments to Committees 2009/10 (Appendix 1/18)

The Clerk to the Corporation submitted a report suggesting the appointment of Governors to Committees in 2009/10.

The Chair considered that the proposed increase in membership of Committees for the Vice-Chair appeared too heavy and that there could also possibly be a resulting conflict with Personnel/Appeals and JCNC.

The Chair of the Board indicated that, if the Vice-Chair felt unable to sit on the Quality, Standards and Curriculum Committee, he would be prepared to sit on this Committee.

39. Resolved:

(a) That, subject to her appointment by the Board, Karen Burgoyne be asked to sit on the Appeals Committee in place of Penny Osborne

(b) That, subject to (a) above, and to the Clerk consulting with the Vice-Chair regarding her membership of Committees, the proposed Membership of Committees be referred to the Board for approval.

Update on Governance Website (Appendix 1/19)

The Clerk to the Corporation submitted a report detailing the information currently contained on the Governance section of the College website and asking Members to consider if they wished to expand the Governor information given.

The Chair stated that providing more information on Governors could improve communications channels and suggested the Board be recommended to consider options.

40. Resolved:

That the information currently provided on the Governance section of the College website be noted and referred to the Board and that the Clerk to the Corporation display examples of other College Governance websites to aid discussion on possible future developments of the College site.

41. Date of Next Meeting - 2 November 2009