



## Minutes of the Halesowen College Corporation Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 28 January 2017

at 10:00 in the Lecture Theatre, Block 1

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*Present* Ian Jewkes (*Chair*), Joanne Williams (*Interim Principal*), Karen Cocker, Geoffrey Elliott, Mark Johnson, Allison Matthews

*In attendance* Jacquie Carman (*Director of Finance and Corporate Services*)  
Jennifer Sunter (*Clerk to the Corporation*)  
Julia Stevens (*Organisational Development Director*)  
Rachael Charles (*Human Resources Adviser*)  
Penny Mitson (*Skills and Performance Director*)  
Peter Coley (*Visitor*)

### 1 Apologies

Apologies were received on behalf of Helene Jones, Peter Mitchell, Jane Chan, Harvey Owen, Jamie Fox and Monika Zilionyte.

### 2 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

### 3 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 23 January 2016

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 23 January 2016 were approved as a correct record.

### 4 Principal's Report

Joanne Williams presented the Annual Report for the year ended 31 July 2016 highlighting the quantitative outcomes for the year.

The celebrations for the College's 50<sup>th</sup> year had included a range of activities, some of which were high profile, with very positive responses from the community.

Notable areas of success included:

- Excellent outcomes from the review of HE provision.
- Extended careers education and University Access Programme where work with schools brought added value.
- The successful completion of Block 13 and new Advanced Science and Technology facilities, providing excellent accommodation, with continued estates work to continue to make the site even better for students.

- Implementing the Prevent Strategy with work to continually embed this.
- Student success had been maintained, as had outstanding financial health.
- Staff development which was extensive and valued.

Students continued to be the College's biggest asset and the student success stories published in the report celebrated this strength.

Geoffrey Elliott commended the Annual Report, which illustrated many of the achievements across the year. In reflecting on the College's success in developing the estate, Geoffrey Elliott proposed that the Corporation consider renaming the numbered blocks to celebrate the achievements of members of the community.

## **5 Chair's Report**

Ian Jewkes commended the College successes across a year of considerable change and that the work of students and staff made the College a good and inclusive place to be. Learners remained at the heart and the College culture needed to be maintained. Governors together with managers strove to secure strategy for this to continue.

The College's financial performance had again provided a firm foundation of support for the work of the College.

The Strategic Plan priorities, through the Annual Plan, was ongoing and following consideration at the Corporation's Strategic Planning meeting, there was commitment to achieve 'outstanding' through Ofsted inspection. Being inclusive was not an impediment to this.

Ian Jewkes noted the positive outcomes of the Black Country Area Review process and that collaborative work was being continued to focus on delivering what was best for students.

The continually good staff development opportunities for staff was also commended together with a very positive culture. Ian Jewkes praised the resilience of staff and students through changes and that the College should continue to flourish.

Ian Jewkes gave thanks for the work of governors, staff and students and also for the support he had received as a new Chair.

## **6 Date of Next Annual General Meeting 2017**

The next Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 21 January 2017, however, this may be subject to change.

The meeting closed at 10.15am