

National Church of England Academy Trust (NCEAT) Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

Monday 19 June 2017

REVIEWED

6.30 PM - The Whiting Room

Membership			'A' denotes absence
Mrs C Ball	CB	Foundation Governor	
Mrs K Cowley	KC	Foundation Governor	
Mr C Dean	CD	Community Governor	
Mrs J Eastwood	JE	Parent Governor	
Miss E Greaves	EGR	Staff Governor: Teaching	
Rev. Canon K Herrod	KH	Foundation Governor	Apologies
Mr A Johnson	AJ	Foundation Governor	Apologies
Mr S Jones	SJO	Staff: Executive Principal	
Mr B Marshall	BM	Foundation Governor	
Mrs K Mitford (Chair)	KM	Foundation Governor	
Rev. L Nicolls	LN	Foundation Governor	Apologies
Mr J Oldfield	JO	Foundation Governor	
Mrs C Parker	CP	Parent Governor	
Mrs W Pearson	WP	DALP	
Mr C Pickering	CP	Chief Executive Officer	Apologies
Mrs A Thornton	ATH	Staff Governor: Teaching	
Mrs S Tilford	ST	Foundation Governor	
<i>In attendance</i>			
Mr M Jobling	MJO	Academy Director	
Mr D Newton	DN	Associate Governor (Co-opted)	
Mr A Paulson	AP	Associate Governor (Co-opted)	Apologies
Mr S Bray	SBy	Clerk	Note taking

NCE/017/1617	<p>Apologies & Welcome</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from : Mr Allan Johnson - Work commitment</p>	
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	<p>Rev Kathryn Herrod Mr Chris Pickering – Work commitment Mr Andrew Paulson - Work commitment Rev Louise Nicolls</p> <p>Governors were asked to consider and agree the apologies submitted. The apologies were approved.</p>	
NCE/018/1617	<p>Declarations of interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest, either direct or indirect, for any items of business on the agenda.</p>	
NCE/019/1617	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting – 13 December 2016</p> <p>Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and of the NCEAT meeting, both held on 13 December 2016 and both having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.</p>	
NCE/020/1617	<p>Matters arising from meetings - 13 December 2016</p> <p>The Chair confirmed that, following the Annual General Meeting, audit papers had been formally signed off. New external auditors had since been appointed.</p>	
NCE/021/1617	<p>Management Accounts – May 2017</p> <p>Governors noted the Income and Expenditure Statement to 31 May 2017 and associated Management Accounts commentary, both of which had been previously circulated.</p>	
NCE/022/1617	<p>National Church of England Academy Draft Budget 2017/18 Mrs K Mitford: Chair of Governors</p> <p>Consideration was given to the Draft Budget 2017/18 papers previously circulated.</p> <p>In the absence of Mr Johnson, Vice-Chair of Finance and Resources Portfolio Team Mrs Eastwood outlined the budgetary position as set out in the documents and summarised discussion of the matter at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Finance and Resources Portfolio Team which had been held earlier on 19 June 2017.</p> <p>Mrs Eastwood confirmed that the Finance and Resources Portfolio Team had concluded that the proposed budget was realistic and had recommended to the NCEAT that the 2017/18 Draft Budget be approved.</p> <p>Mr Jones offered further explanation of the context in which the budget had been developed, drawing governors' attention to significant overall funding reductions which had been managed through rationalisation, efficiencies, collaboration with other academies and generation of additional income. He confirmed that the overall funding outlook remained challenging.</p> <p>Governors questioned the potential impact of the government's "Fairer Funding" initiative on future budgets. In response, it was explained that the matter had not yet been resolved for the current year due to current political uncertainties but confirmed that the issue had the potential to have significant impact should any further changes be proposed.</p>	

	<p>After further consideration, it was resolved: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To approve Draft Budgets for 2017/18. 	
NCE/023/1617	<p>Membership</p> <p>On behalf of governors, Mrs Mitford expressed her thanks to Mrs Thornton for her work as a Staff Governor, following confirmation of her appointment to a new role at another school.</p> <p>Mrs Mitford proposed that Mr M Jobling, Academy Director, should be appointed as a Staff Governor on Mrs Thornton's departure at the end of Pentecost Term. Mr Jobling's appointment would therefore take effect from 1 September 2017.</p> <p>Mrs Mitford also outlined the newly created role of Governor responsible for trips and sought interest in taking up the role. Mr Marshall indicated his interest in taking up the role. No other governor expressed an interest.</p> <p>After further consideration, it was resolved: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To appoint Mr M Jobling to the vacant role of Staff Governor with effect from 1 September 2017. To appoint Mr B Marshall as Governor responsible for trips with immediate effect. 	
NCE/024/1617	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 14 December 2017 at 6pm in the Whiting Room.</p> <p>The Annual General Meeting will be held at this time, with the regular business and Local Academy Board meetings to follow immediately afterwards.</p>	
NCE/025/1617	<p>Determination of confidentiality of Business and Equality Act consideration</p> <p>Governors considered whether anything discussed during the meeting should be deemed as confidential and whether during their discussions any equal opportunities issues had arisen. It was resolved: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That details of draft budgets remain confidential until filed with the ESFA That there had been no Equality Act implications to consider. 	

The meeting closed at 6:45 pm

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