

## HADRIAN LEARNING TRUST

### Minutes for Meeting of Board of Trustees

6pm, Wednesday 28 March 2018

**In attendance:** Simon Kitchman (SKi), David Hartland (DH), Graeme Atkins (GA), Tony Brown (TB), Jonathan Holmes (JH), Barbara Hignett (BH), Kate Chaplin (KC), Sarah Kemp (SKe), Veryan Johnston (VJ)

**Also attending:** Charlotte Gaines (CG, Clerk to Governors), James Andriot (JA, Head of School)

#### Part 1 Classified Non-Confidential

##### 1) Apologies

Apologies for late arrival were received from James Andriot and Kate Chaplin.

##### 2) Declaration of pecuniary, business or personal interests

No declarations of pecuniary, business or personal interest were made in addition to those already recorded in the Register of Interests.

##### 3) Minutes of meetings - approval and matters arising

The Minutes of the following meeting, having been circulated to Trustees, were discussed:

- Hadrian Learning Trust Board – 28 February 2018 – Part 1

Trustees agreed that these were an accurate record.

##### Matters arising

SKe advised that a meeting will be held with the languages department regarding town twinning.

DH confirmed that he will be standing down from the HR & Performance Committee. SKi thanked him for his contribution.

##### 4) NCC Post-16 Transport Consultation

SKi highlighted NCC's proposals for school transport. He suggested that:

- HLT query the limit of 75 minutes for a journey due to the geographical area;
- the list of vocational subjects looks incomplete and shows a lack of understanding that students mix vocational and non-vocational subjects.

JH noted that the lack of public transport in rural areas could prevent students being eligible under these criteria.

Trustees agreed that GA should draft a response indicating the following.

- The consultation assumes a binary divide between A levels and everything else which are referred to as vocational. This does not reflect the reality of provision, or of

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students' choices.

- The list of vocational courses is incomplete and not helpful to students deciding whether or not to pay the £50 application fee.
- It is not clear if a school offering a single BTEC would preclude travelling to FE college to study a full time course.
- The 75 minute travel time would exclude students from the North Tyne area travelling to Newcastle.

#### **5) Stakeholder engagement**

SKe asked for the May concert to be advertised. DH asked that congratulations for the last concert be passed to the music department.

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#### **6) Urgent business with agreement of the Chair**

JH asked for an update on the missing exam papers reported in the Courant, which GA provided.

SKi suggested no further information should be shared at this stage, given the potential for a formal complaint and trustees' possible involvement at a later stage. Trustees agreed.

JH and VJ indicated a preference for forewarning where it looked like controversial matters relating to the Trust or individual schools might feature in the media. GA agreed.

JA and KC joined the meeting.

#### **7) QEHS Head of School appointment**

GA advised that four applications had been received for the substantive Head of school position, which led to a shortlist of two, with James Andriot being appointed to the position. Trustees congratulated JA on his appointment and thanked VJ and DH for their involvement in the process.

#### **8) Close and confirm date of next meeting**

Part 1 of the meeting was concluded.

The next Part 1 meeting will take place on Wednesday 9 May.

Trustees moved onto Part 2 of the agenda.