

Minute

Special General Meeting of the Council

Tuesday, 25 October 2022, 10:30.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors Graham A Bevan, Stephen G Clackson, Alexander G Cowie, P Lindsay Hall, Kristopher D Leask, W Leslie Manson, Raymond S Peace, John A R Scott, Gwenda M Shearer, Gillian Skuse, Jean E Stevenson, James W Stockan, Ivan A Taylor, Owen Tierney, Duncan A Tullock and Heather N Woodbridge.

Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.

Clerk

- Gavin Mitchell, Head of Legal and Governance.

In Attendance

- Stephen Brown, Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Social Care Partnership.
- Karen Greaves, Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions.
- Gareth Waterson, Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration.
- James Wylie, Corporate Director for Education, Leisure and Housing.
- Hazel Flett, Service Manager (Governance).

In Attendance via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

- John W Mundell, Interim Chief Executive.

Apologies

- Councillor David Dawson.
- Councillor Steven B Heddle.
- Councillor Rachael A King.

Not Present

- Councillor James R Moar.

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

- Councillor Graham A Bevan, Convener.

1. Disclosure of Exempt Information

The Council noted the proposal that the public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of Item 3, as the business to be discussed involved the potential disclosure of exempt information of the class described in the relevant paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended.

2. Education, Leisure and Housing Committee

Minute of Special Meeting held on 19 October 2022

On the motion of Councillor Gwenda M Shearer, seconded by Councillor Heather N Woodbridge, the Council resolved to approve the Minute of the Special Meeting of the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee held on 19 October 2022 as a true record.

The Council thereafter resolved to approve the recommendations contained in the Minute of the Special Meeting of the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee held on 19 October 2022.

3. College Management Council Sub-committee

Appointment of Business and Community Representatives

On the motion of Councillor Graham A Bevan, seconded by Councillor James W Stockan, the Council resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting for this item on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended.

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Legal and Governance, the Council:

Noted:

3.1. That the governance arrangements in respect of the College Management Council Sub-committee currently allowed for the following membership, all with voting rights:

- 5 elected members of the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee, including the Chair and Vice Chair.
- 3 representatives of the business community.
- 3 representatives of the community, including representatives from the Third Sector.
- 2 student representatives.

3.2. That, on 5 July 2022, the Council re-appointed two business representatives and one community representative to the College Management Council Sub-committee, for the period to May 2023, noting that expressions of interest would be sought for the one business representative and two community representative vacancies, with the outcome reported to Council in due course.

3.3. That expressions of interest were sought for the business and community representative vacancies, which resulted in 10 notes of interest being received.

3.4. That a panel, comprising the Chair and Vice Chair of the College Management Council Sub-committee, together with the Chair of the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee, undertook a shortlisting process, with five candidates subsequently requested to attend an informal interview on 10 October 2022.

3.5. That, given the exceptional calibre of candidates, the panel had requested that all five candidates be considered for appointment to the College Management Council Sub-committee – two as business representatives and three as community representatives.

3.6. The implications of the request from the panel, as detailed in section 6 of the report by the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions, noting that the Council had requested a review of the composition and operation of the College Management Council Sub-committee, to be reported by May 2023, to coincide with the period of appointment of the other business and community representatives.

3.7. The proposal that the constitutional arrangements for the College Management Council Sub-committee be temporarily amended for the period up to May 2023, by increasing the numbers of both the business and community representatives from three to four, by which time the outcome of all the outstanding reviews relating to Orkney College should be known.

The Council resolved:

3.8. That the constitutional arrangements for the College Management Council Sub-committee be temporarily amended, for the period up to May 2023, as follows:

- 5 elected members of the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee, including the Chair and Vice Chair.
- 4 representatives of the business community.
- 4 representatives of the community, including representatives from the Third Sector.
- 2 student representatives.

3.9. That the following individuals be appointed to the College Management Council Sub-committee for the period to May 2023:

- Business Representatives:
 - Tracey Phillips.
 - Liz Stevenson.
- Community Representatives:
 - Gail Anderson.
 - Lorraine Bichan.
 - Harvey Johnston.

4. Conclusion of Meeting

At 10:55 the Convener declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Graham A Bevan.