

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINY

MINUTES

Tuesday 23 February 2016
Chadwick Room, Selwyn College

Present: Dr Matthew Vernon (Chairman), Dr Lydia Drumright (Secretary), Mrs Rachel Rowe (Support Officer), Dr Mike Franklin, Dr Carmel McEniery, Dr Stephen Kell, Mr Gordon Chesterman, Dr Cristiano Ristuccia, and Mr David Goode.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Mr Michael Kitson, Mr Dick Taplin and Dr David Secher.

2. Declarations of Interest:

None.

3. Minutes of meeting on 3 February and 17 February 2016:

Agreed.

4. Matters arising:

- The Board still awaits the second report of the audit group regarding the North West Cambridge development.
- The Board still has a vacancy which needs to be filled as soon as possible.

5. Guest:

The Board welcomed Professor Duncan Maskell, Senior PVC with responsibility for Planning and Resources, and the following items were discussed:

- i. The coordination between PVC portfolios, the transition from the old to new, and how the Senior PVC will support them in their work;
- ii. The perceived inequality of the distribution of overheads from grants to schools and how the issue will be addressed;
- iii. Plans to support connectedness across the University with the continuing expansion of sites such as North West Cambridge and West Cambridge;
- iv. The University's performance in UK rankings and whether there are problems to be addressed;
- v. Strategies for increasing the University's presence both nationally and internationally, and promoting from within;
- vi. Research grant revenue comparisons with other UK universities; and
- vii. General discussion about the plans for the West Cambridge and North West Cambridge sites including site design, transportation issues and facilities.

6. Items under review:

6.1 North West Cambridge: To be kept under review. The Board still awaits the second report from the audit group, due before Easter.

6.2 Grant administration: To be kept under review.

7. AOB:

None.

8. Date of next meeting:

12.00pm on Wednesday 2 March 2016

Guest: Professor Chris Abell

Venue: Chadwick Room, Selwyn College

**Rachel Rowe
Support Officer
23 February 2016**