

# MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINY

## MINUTES

**Wednesday 17 February 2016**  
**Chadwick Room, Selwyn College**

**Present:** Dr Mike Franklin (Interim Chairman), Mrs Rachel Rowe (Support Officer), Mr Michael Kitson, Dr Carmel McEniery, Dr David Secher, Dr Stephen Kell, Mr Gordon Chesterman, Dr Cristiano Ristuccia, Mr David Goode, and Mr Dick Taplin.

### **1. Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Dr Matthew Vernon and Dr Lydia Drumright.

### **2. Declarations of Interest:**

None.

### **3. Minutes of meeting on 3 February 2016:**

Not discussed.

### **4. Matters arising:**

None.

### **5. Guest:**

The Board welcomed Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz, Vice Chancellor, and the following items were discussed:

- i. The risk to the University's finances presented by "Brexit" and contingency plans that are being put in place;
- ii. How the VC will balance compliance to the new "Prevent" duty with the need to preserve academic freedom and avoid the stifling of legitimate debate within the University;
- iii. The University's response to the Higher Education Green Paper, the possibility of affecting change in the Government's plans, and any contingency planning undertaken;
- iv. The legality of the Employer-Justified Retirement Age and the benefits of Cambridge continuing to adopt it;
- v. The increasing use of unestablished posts within the University;
- vi. The engagement of Regent House in the University's governance;
- vii. Lessons learned from the North West Cambridge project;
- viii. The effectiveness of increasing administrative centralisation;
- ix. The most important attributes and activities of the VC's potential successor.

### **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, now due after Easter.

**6.2 Grant administration:** To be kept under review.

**7. AOB:**

None.

**8. Date of next meeting:**

12.00pm on Tuesday 23 February 2016

Guest: Professor Duncan Maskell

Venue: Chadwick Room, Selwyn College

**Rachel Rowe**  
**Support Officer**  
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