

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINY

MINUTES

Wednesday 2 March 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, Mr Michael Kitson, Mr David Secher, Mr Dick Taplin, and Mr David Goode.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Dr Cristiano Ristuccia.

2. Declarations of Interest:

None.

3. Minutes of meeting on 23 February 2016:

Agreed.

4. Matters arising:

- The Board still has a vacancy which needs to be filled as soon as possible. If recruiting by the deadline is unsuccessful, one option may be to contact the heads of schools.

5. Guest:

The Board welcomed Professor Chris Abell, PVC with responsibility for Research, and the following items were discussed:

- i. The measures of successful research at the University in addition to the REF and grant income;
- ii. The University's performance in UK rankings and whether there are ways improvements can be made;
- iii. The positive and negatives effects of the University's devolved structure on research;
- iv. How Chris' PVC role aligns with postdoctoral affairs; and
- v. Plans for future OPdA funding and how postdoctoral researchers are involved in funding proposals.

6. Items under review:

6.1 North West Cambridge: The Board has received the second report of the audit group regarding the North West Cambridge development. Council are due to discuss the report in the coming weeks and there may be an upcoming Discussion in the Easter term.

6.2 Grant administration: To be kept under review.

7. AOB:

- The Board needs to begin work on writing their annual report for Council. Meeting dates for the Easter term will be decided via email.

8. Date of next meeting:

All details to be confirmed.

**Rachel Rowe
Support Officer
2 March 2016**