

# MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINY

## MINUTES

**Wednesday 20 January 2021, 10:30am**

**Remote meeting via Zoom**

### **Present:**

Mr Graham Allen (Chair), Mr Ian Wright (Secretary), Mrs Rachel Rowe (Support Officer), Dr Karen Ottewell, Mr David Goode, Dr Annamaria Motrescu-Mayes, Professor Martin Jones, Dr John Fawcett, Dr David Butterfield, Dr Mark Smith and Dr Gilly Carr.

The meeting began at 10:31am.

### **1. Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Professor Richard Mortier. Ms Saba Alai was not in attendance.

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

None.

### **3. Minutes of meeting on 2 December 2020:**

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

### **5. Guest – Professor David Cardwell, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Strategy & Planning:**

The Board welcomed Professor David Cardwell, and the following topics were discussed:

- i.) Improving financial transparency;
- ii.) Addressing the Chest deficit;
- iii.) The cancellation of cost of living increases and career progression schemes;
- iv.) Potential future changes to University activities as a result of the pandemic;
- v.) Changes to the finance system; and
- vi.) The current state of play with the North West Cambridge and Mill Lane sites.

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

#### **a.) Supplementary Report on the Allocations Report:**

The Board's supplementary report was submitted to Council and is up for discussion at the next Council meeting.

#### **b.) Membership:**

The Board had previously welcomed Dr Gilly Carr to her first Board meeting since becoming elected to the Board.

### **6. Preparation for future meetings with Senior Officers:**

The Board were asked to begin considering questions to ask the Vice-Chancellor and the Registry in preparation for meetings with them which are scheduled for 17 February and 17 March respectively.

**7. Updates from Working Groups:**

This item was postponed until the next meeting.

**8. Any Other Business:**

- i.) The Chair informed the Board that he would notify the Registry regarding a vacancy created due to a member's recent continued non-attendance.
- ii.) The Board discussed the different online platforms available for full Board meetings and Working Group meetings, and agreed to continue using Zoom and Google Drive alongside Microsoft Teams when necessary.

**9. Date of next full Board meeting:**

The next full Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 3 February at 10:30am via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 12:20pm.

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