

Finance & Estates Committee of the Board of Governors of the City of London School

Date: WEDNESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2021

Time: 9.30 am

Venue: HYBRID PUBLIC MEETING – CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL, EC4V 3AL

Members: Deputy Keith Bottomley Lesley Ca

(Chairman)

Tim Levene (Deputy Chairman)

Deputy James Thomson

Alexander Barr

Lesley Cartmell Andrew Jones Timi Dorgu David Woodgate

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John Barradell
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

AGENDA

Part 1 - Public Agenda

1. APOLOGIES

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

To receive the Terms of Reference of the Finance & Estates Committee of the City of London School.

For Information (Pages 5 - 6)

4. MINUTES

To agree the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 25 February 2021.

For Decision (Pages 7 - 10)

5. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB COMMITTEE

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

Part 2 - Non-Public Agenda

7. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

To agree the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2021.

For Decision (Pages 11 - 14)

8. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

To receive the list of outstanding actions.

For Information (Pages 15 - 16)

9. PROPOSED 2022-23 BUDGET

To receive the report of The Chamberlain and the Bursar.

For Information

10. REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND 2022/23 AND 20-YEAR PLAN OF WORKS

To receive the report of The Chamberlain and the Bursar.

For Information (Pages 47 - 58)

- 11. NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB COMMITTEE
- 12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE SUB COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED



Finance and Estates Sub-Committee of the Board of Governors of the City of London School

The Finance & Estates Sub-Committee primarily has a monitoring and advisory role, identifying any financial problems before they become serious and recommending a course of action to the Board, which would take any relevant decisions. The Committee usually meets once a term in sufficient time to report to the Board on any matters that need agreement.

Composition

- The Chairman of the Committee shall be selected from amongst its members with the agreement of the Full Governing Board.
- Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Board of Governors;
- Up to four other Governors appointed by the Board of Governors (one of whom must be a Common Council Governor).
- Meetings of the Committee will be attended by the Head, the Senior Deputy Head, the Bursar and the Finance Manager. Other members of School and City Corporation staff and advisers may be invited by the Committee. Attendees do not have a vote.
- The Clerk to the Governors will be the Committee Secretary.

Quorum

- The quorum shall be any three Governors.
- Any decision taken by the Committee shall require the agreement of a majority of Common Council Governors present at the meeting and voting.
- The Committee should report to each Board of Governors' meeting.

Terms of Reference

The Committee has the power to act on the following matters:

- To agree action to be taken on arrears of fees; and
- To co-opt any Governor of the Board or any appropriately qualified professional to give advice on specific matters.

To make recommendations for the Board's approval on the following matters:

- Adoption of strategic financial targets eg cash reserves, level of surplus, percentage of staff costs to gross fees etc;
- Advice on the creation of a five to ten year financial plan;
- The annual budget;
- Any proposed fee increases and additional charges;
- Consideration of any proposals for major capital spending, including development of facilities;
- The review of any investments and reserves held by the School;
- To make recommendations to the full Board on any other finance issues which may arise (e.g, a rise in employers' contribution to pensions, salary structure, etc.);
- Policy on and application of scholarships and bursaries;
- Fund raising policy and activity;
- Policy on and implementation of lettings and any other commercial activity;
- Oversight of digital infrastructure;
- The School's policies and procedures on Health and Safety.

FINANCE & ESTATES COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL

Thursday, 25 February 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & Estates Committee of the Board of Governors of the City of London School held virtually at 9.00 am

Present

Members:

Tim Levene (Deputy Chairman)

Deputy James Thomson (Chairman)

Alexander Barr

Deputy Keith Bottomley

Lesley Cartmell

Andrew Jones

Ian Seaton

Officers:

Nicholas Basye - Chamberlain's Department

Alan Bird - Head, City of London School

Dr Richard Brookes - City of London School

Polly Dunn - Town Clerk's Department

Charles Griffiths - City of London School

Steven Reynolds - Chamberlain's Department

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the public minutes and non public summary of the meeting held on 20 November 2020, be approved as an accurate record.

4. RISK REGISTER 2020-21 FOR: CLS BURSARY AND AWARDS FUND

Governors considered a joint report of the Chamberlain and the Bursar regarding the 2020-21 risk register for the City of London School Bursary and Awards Fund.

The Bursar began by providing a summary of the risk register highlighting that, while little had changed since the previous annual risk report, Governors should note the change of name of the Fund, which came as a result of the merger of The City of London School Scholarships and Prizes Fund and The City of London School Education Trust.

The Chair highlighted that there was no mention of the Tomlinson Review in the register and felt that this should be included as this may impact the amount of financial support provided by the Corporation. It was agreed that this should be recognised and noted as a heightened risk in the register.

RESOLVED, that Governors, subject to noting the heightened risk due to the Tomlinson Review, agree the risk register satisfactorily sets out the risks facing the School's charity, and that appropriate measures are in place to mitigate those risks.

5. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There was no other business.

7. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

8. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2020, be approved as an accurate record.

9. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

Governors received a report of the Town Clerk regarding outstanding actions of the Committee.

10. NON-PUBLIC BURSAR'S REPORT

Governors received a report of the Bursar regarding financial and operational matters at the School.

11. FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR THE CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL

Governors received a joint report of the Chamberlain and the Bursar presenting the School's updated financial forecasts for the financial year 2020-21 and for the medium term based on the School's financial position as of January 2021.

12. FINANCIAL INFORMATION DASHBOARD

Governors received a joint report of the Chamberlain and the Bursar regarding the School's Financial Information Dashboard.

13. NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 10.18 am
Chairman

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By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.



By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.



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