

BOSTON COLLEGE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 4 JUNE 2007

1. **PRESENT**

Mr S McCracken (in the chair), Mr P Cropley, Ms S Daley, Mr R Haynes and Mrs P Smith (members of the committee) Mr M Gallagher, Mr A Reynolds, Mrs B Ward and Mrs H Wright (members of the Corporation).

Also in attendance Mrs J Hemmant (Clerk to the Corporation) and Mr G Raynham (property advisor).

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs L Ladds.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held 23 April 2007 were approved and it was agreed that discussion of matters arising from these minutes should be deferred until the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Mrs Ward withdrew from the meeting.

3. **SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM**

The committee received a report from the Principal on proposals for deployment of the Senior Leadership Team following the departure of Mr Bradford, Deputy Principal to his new post as Principal of Bilborough College. Members were advised that it was recommended that the post of Deputy Principal should not be replaced at the present time and that the Senior Leadership Team numbers should be reduced by one. The Principal explained proposals for reallocation of duties and the steps which the College had been taking to develop its internal structures in ways which made this reduction in the number of managers possible. It was noted that this rearrangement would result in a small cost saving in the region of £20,000 - £30,000 per annum. Having considered the paper and its recommendations in some detail the committee agreed that the appointment of a Deputy Principal should be deferred at the present time and the Corporation should be asked to confirm this position.

Mrs Ward returned to the meeting.

4. **PROPERTY**

Members of the committee were provided with information on the latest position regarding the College's proposed property development and received a presentation from Greham Raynham on the options to proceed. Members gave detailed consideration to the issues which would need to be addressed in developing options and it was noted that the College needed to be in a position to take its capital bid to the Capital Committee before the end of the year. It was

agreed that work should continue on ascertaining complete understanding of the land ownership and development issues and that informal discussions should take place with members of Boston Borough Council to identify any issues which they may have with the College's proposed development. It was also agreed that the property advisors of the Learning and Skills Council should be further engaged to ensure their understanding of the issues being addressed by the College. It was noted that there was a possibility that Emda funding might be accessed to facilitate the College's land ownership and development and it was agreed that consideration needed to be given to other issues which might be raised in respect of archaeology, English heritage, the Environment Agency and traffic flow.