



Newbury College Corporation Strategic Development Committee

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 7th February 2022

Present	Name	Role
Membership	Derek Peaple (DP)	External Member
	Iain Wolloff (IW)	Principal
	Nick Fox (NF)	External Member
	Sally Osmond (SO)	External Member – Chair
	Tom Rossiter (TR)	External Member – Vice Chair
Apologies	Glyn Howells (GH)	External Member
	Sam Dibas (SD)	External Member
In Attendance	Cathy Wright (CW)	Director of HR & Support Services
	Jo Houghton (JH)	Director of Business & Partnerships
	Lee Hunt (LH)	Vice Principal
	Tom Barlow (TB)	Finance Director (Interim)
Quorum:	3 members required	Meeting quorate, 5 members present

AGENDA ITEMS

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1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	Apologies for absence were received from Glyn Howells and Sam Dibas.	
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS	
	Members confirmed that they had no declarations of interest to make.	
3.	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING	
3.1	The Committee approved the minutes of the meetings held on 8 th November 2021.	
3.2	The Committee approved the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 8 th November	
	2021	
3.3	Matters arising	
	The Committee noted that action had been taken in respect of all matters arising and these were recorded in the Action Tracker.	
	With respect to the UCN planning consent, the Committee reviewed the advice from the	
	Architect and the Planning Consultant and agreed that the consent would be allowed to	
	lapse if not enacted prior to the expiry date. IW provided an update on the previous	
	proposal from the GP surgery and a potential alternative proposal involving the NCII	
	development.	

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7.	 Climate Crisis and Sustainability – The Committee received an update on the current progress of actions in the College's climate roadmap. CW outlined a number of points, including: The calculation of College carbon emissions has been completed A meeting has been held with the advisors from Oxford Brooks Uni to agree the process for the energy survey The College Climate Action Group is established and is meeting next week. The group's focus is on meeting the Roadmap requirements Materials on climate issues for students are being provided as part of a pan-Berkshire project 	
8.	Any other business None	

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