

**MORLEY COLLEGE LONDON**



4.4. Reviewing the reporting arrangements, governors asked the Clerk to ensure that agendas for Group meetings were made available to all governors in advance, and that minutes continued to be circulated to all governors once approved by the Chair. The Business Resilience Plan, which was continually being updated, should also be made available to all governors. The Individual Risk Report for Risk 16 on the Risk Register (failure to build business resilience in response to the impacts of Covid-19 on staff, students, reputation and financial sustainability) was included in the Plan.

## **5. Governor appointments**

- 5.1. The Clerk reported that all members of staff had been invited to express their views on the arrangements for appointing staff governors, but that the survey had had a poor response. Despite that, over 80 per cent of those who had expressed a view (19 out of 23) favoured election of staff governors rather than selection by the Search and Governance Committee. Of those 19, ten preferred the arrangement whereby one staff governor would have a pre-merger history with Morley (Waterloo) and the other a history with KCC (Option 1a). Eight preferred one governor to be a tutor or lecturer and the other a member of the professional services staff (Option 1b). Only one respondent favoured Option 1c (one governor centre-based, the other with a College-wide role).
- 5.2. In answer to a question, the Clerk told the Board that the number of governors was currently expected to fall from 21 to 20 on 31 July, and to 18 on 30 November. The Search and Governance Committee would, however, be recommending the Board to appoint at least one additional external governor in the next six months to fill

Governing Body, for example by an annual invitation to attend a board meeting or development session.

## **6. Audit appointments**

- 6.1. The CFO outlined the tendering process that he had undertaken following the Board decision of 30 March to conduct a mini-competition for the audit of this year's accounts. Having discussed audit plans with both bidders, he was happy to recommend the appointment of RSM.
- 6.2. The Chair of the Audit Committee said that it would have been preferable for members of that committee to have the opportunity to consider the two tenders and to make a recommendation. That said, she had every confidence in the ability of RSM to complete the work to a high standard, although she reminded the Board of the need for the assignment to be carefully managed, as significant additional fees had been charged in respect of the 2018-19 audit.
- 6.3. Following discussion, the Board agreed to appoint RSM to audit the 2019-20 accounts and the final (dissolution) accounts of KCC, on the terms proposed.
- 6.4. In relation to internal audit, the Board was pleased to note the progress made in developing possible approaches both to defining the scope of internal audit work and to selecting an internal auditor following the expiry of Wylie & Bisset's contract on 31 July. Governors with experience of internal audit processes who were not members of the Audit Committee were asked to pass on any advice to the Committee through the CFO or Clerk in advance of its meeting on 16 June.

## **7. Other business**

None

## **8. Date of next meeting**

Confirmed as Monday 13 July

## SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

Minute	Action	Responsible	By when	Progress
<b>1 June 2020</b>				
4.4	Make CCROG agendas and approved draft minutes and Business Resilience Plan available to all governors	Clerk	From 9 June 2020	
5.5	Consider ways of improving knowledge of the Governing Body among members of Stakeholder Consultative Groups			