



- 2.1. The Chair told the Board that the main purposes of the meeting were to consider the appointment of an external governor and Chair designate, and to consider recommendations from the Audit Committee on internal and external audit matters.
- 2.2. All governors confirmed that they had

- 5.7. The Board noted that the Committee proposed to give further consideration at its meeting on 17 May to governor and other appointments. A number of those contacted during the recent recruitment campaigns had expressed an interest in working with Morley in the future – either as governors or in specialist roles. The Committee would be considering the establishment of a Development Committee and the possible appointment of a digital adviser. Governors agreed on the importance of ensuring that any additional appointments to the Board followed due process, and if possible advanced its stated aim of increasing the diversity – particularly the racial diversity – of the Board.
- 5.8. The Chair also drew the Board’s attention to the proposal for the meeting on 19 July to be held face-to-face in Holst Room. He asked any governors who had concerns about this proposal to make their views known to the Clerk.

*Leisha Fullick was invited to join the meeting at this point*

- 5.9. Members welcomed Leisha Fullick, who introduced herself to the Board. Others introduced themselves in turn.

## **6. Audit Committee**

- 6.1. The Board received and considered the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 27 January, noting that since that meeting the report and financial statements for 2019-

- 6.7. Governors agreed that the four areas recommended for review over the next six months were all appropriate. Cybersecurity was particularly relevant as remote working increased and institutions found themselves operating almost entirely in a digital environment. It was essential that the review include tests of vulnerability to phishing and ransomware as well as high quality penetration testing, noting that this was an area of high risk for many institutions.
- 6.8. The Board approved the internal audit plan, thanking the members of the Audit Committee as well as the CFO and the Clerk for all the work that they had put in to the selection of new auditors and the development of a coherent plan that would provide much-needed assurance.

**7. Other business**

- 7.1. The Principal advised that, as discussed at the March board meeting, the College would shortly be asked to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department for Education (DfE) providing a framework for co-operation between the DfE as landlord and the College as tenant during the renovation works at the Chelsea and North Kensington Centres. He would circulate the MoU when received to all governors and asked them to scrutinise it carefully; it would need to be signed on the College's behalf before works could begin. The Board was content to delegate authority to the Chair and Principal to approve and sign the MoU subject to any views that governors might express on sight of the document.
- 7.2. The Chair also drew governors' attention to the safeguarding training that had been arranged for Tuesday 4 May (4.30 – 6.00 pm). While this session was aimed at governors with an enhanced responsibility for safeguarding, all governors were required to complete safeguarding awareness training regularly (normally annually). The Clerk confirmed that it was his intention to arrange a second training session in the course of the summer term for governors who were unable to attend on 4 May; those unable to attend either session would be expected to complete the online safeguarding training module provided by the Education and Training Foundation.
- 7.3. The Chair also advised governors that the College had been shortlisted for a TES FE Award for contributions to the local community. He encouraged everyone to attend the virtual awards ceremony on 28 May and to read the submitted application and the associated case studies: the PPE factory at the Chelsea Centre, the Morley Heart Gardens at the North Kensington Centre, and the Visually Impaired People (VIP) Choir at the Waterloo Centre.
- 7.4. The Lead Governor for Environmental Sustainability reminded governors that Green Week had now begun. She thanked the Clerk for circulating details to all governors and encouraged everyone to participate in one or more of the events.

**8. Date of next meeting**

Confirmed as Monday 7 June 2021 at 4.30 pm by Microsoft Teams meeting ID: 0005(t)-4u the event