



MINUTES OF AN URGENT MEETING OF THE CORPORATION
12.00 NOON, THURSDAY 17 JUNE 2022
HELD BY ZOOM

Members :	*Richard Barker; *John Bullen; *Hannah Crocker; *Ellie Cundick; *Andrew Davies; *Andy Foot; *Frances Jenkins Emma Kirby; Dan Knight; *Robert Lassetter (Chair); *Graham Ledden; *Annetta Minard; Ben Murphy; *Nicola Newman; *Luke Rake (Principal); *Kay Taylor; *Debs Thomas; Dee Vickers
In attendance:	*Tom Hallam (Deputy Principal); *Vanessa Gifford (Clerk)

ITEM NO.	DETAIL
1.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>The following declarations of interest were NOTED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annetta Minard on all matters relating to the Dorset Studio School
2.	<p>APOLOGIES AND NOTICES</p> <p>Apologies for absence were NOTED from Emma Kirby, Dan Knight, Ben Murphy and Dee Vickers.</p>
3.	<p>KMC STANDALONE CASE FOR THE SPA</p> <p>The Chair advised that this was an important opportunity for the Corporation to consider the KMC Standalone case for the SPA. It was noted that the Corporation would ultimately make the final decision on the 25 July 2022 following the recommendation of the Steering Group.</p> <p>The Corporation CONSIDERED the KMC Standalone case and the following points were NOTED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was considered to be a good document with the right balance of ambition and caution. It had the endorsement of FE Associates and sat alongside the Strategic Plan. • It was a good representation, well considered and identified risk balanced against opportunities. • The case outlined sustained land-based provision and highlighted how any merger could undermine provision. • It was suggested that the Principal's role was highly outlined and that there was a key dependency on the Principal. It was questioned whether this was a strength. The Principal suggested that this highlighted that the College was a small organisation and it was right to identify. • There was clear expression that the College was on a journey but there was good trajectory. • It was noted that if a merger was recommended due diligence would take time and the 25 July would not be the end of the process. • The document builds in strategy and there was nothing that the college would not pursue anyway.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that the Corporation had the right to withdraw from the process at any time, and could continually review once student numbers were known. It was noted that 2022/23 applications currently stood at 1015 and showed no signs of slowing. • The dilation of culture was considered to be important with any decision. • A lot of work was continuing in the background on the financial reporting with the CFFR being submitted with this document. The College was considered to be in a good place although there were still uncertainties and assumptions were required to come to fruition. • It was considered that a lot of effort had been put into the document and it was of great value internally and even if there were no potential partners it could open doors with others. • The Chair advised that the basis of the report was from FE Associates with additional work from the Principal. The KMC members of the Steering Group had added their thoughts and it was agreed that KMC could own the document and a lot of thought had been put into it. <p>After full consideration the KMC Standalone Case was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>	
4.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>The following items of further business NOTED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair congratulated all staff on the successful Ofsted inspection that has occurred the previous week, and this should be reflected in the Standalone case. It was very clear that there was no reason why the College should not aspire to be 'Outstanding' in time. The Deputy Principal was particularly thanked for his work. • The closing date for submission of full bids for the SPA was Monday at 9am and any submissions would be shared in due course. 	
	<p><i>The meeting closed at 12.40pm with no further business.</i></p>	

APPROVED 5 July 2022