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UNIVERSITY OF KENT

MEETING OF COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2023
Via MS Teams

Present: The Chair of Council, Mark Preston; The Deputy Chair of Council and Chair of Finance & Resources Committee, Andrew Newell; The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Karen Cox; Dame Ursula Brennan; Xian Chan; Michael Crick; Dr Mark Downs; Mayuri Lakhani; Kim Lowe; Gabriel MacGregor; Dr Sam Parrett; Paul Pugh; Ben Bradley, Vice President Postgraduate Experience; Zaid Mahmood, President Kent Union; Will Norman, Academic Staff Representative; Alex Perkins, Non-Academic Staff Representative; Professor Georgina Randsley de Moura, Deputy Vice Chancellor Strategy and Performance (S&P); Professor Richard Reece, Deputy Vice Chancellor Education and Student Experience (ESE); Dr Balihar Sanghera, Academic Staff Representative

In attendance: Chief Financial Officer (Jane Higham); Financial Sustainability Director (Peter Pentecost); Deputy Vice Chancellor Research and Innovation (Professor Shane Weller; Director of Governance and Assurance (Secretary to the Council) (Dr Sinéad Critchley) and Assistant Director (Governance) (Sarah Megson)

Apologies for absence: Daniel Cook and Sarah Dance.

5655 Chair's Introduction

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting noting the confidentiality of items due to be discussed.

No new declarations of interest were noted.

5656 Minutes for approval

Paper C2023/011, the minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2023 were approved, subject to the following amendments:

Additional points to Minute 5651.

5657 Matters Arising

Council received **Paper C2023/012**: Lender Timeline. The absence of any reference to JSNCC (a consultative rather than governance forum) in the timeline was noted. In addition, it was noted that if a Council Review Committee was required, that under the schedule of delegation, the People Committee would consider any proposals for organisational change but that recommendations would come forward to the full Council for ratification.

5658 Vice Chancellor and President's Communications

Council received notification of the provisional OfS approval for the Access and Participation Plan (APP), **Paper C2023/013**. Council noted that approval of the APP was required in order to charge the higher fee of £9250 and that the actions recommended by the OfS would be undertaken ahead of publishing the APP on the website.

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The Vice Chancellor also reported that the Open Day held the previous Saturday had gone very well and she thanked all staff who had contributed to the event.

5659 Lender Ask

Council received the Lender Ask submission which supported the Kent2030 Transformation Plan, **Paper C2023/014**.

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Following discussion, Council **agreed** to approve the Lender Ask as presented and for the University to enter into negotiations on this basis.

5660 Any Other Business

There were no further items of business.

Notes

1. Papers

Copies are available on the Council eboard portal (Diligent Boards) or on request from the Secretary. Approved Minutes and many of the papers are published on the University SharePoint site at <https://livekentac.sharepoint.com/sites/council>.

2. Queries

Any queries should be addressed to Dr Sinead Critchley, Director of Governance and Assurance (Secretary to Council), (email: S.Critchley-2002@kent.ac.uk).