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UNIVERSITY OF KENT

MEETING OF COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held via MS Teams on 8 December 2022

Present: The Chair of the Council, Dame Ursula Brennan; The Deputy Chair of Council and Chair of Finance & Resources Committee, Andrew Newell; Chair of Audit Committee, Mark Preston; Professor Georgina Randsley de Moura, Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic Strategy, Planning and Performance; Professor Richard Reece, Deputy Vice Chancellor Education and Student Experience, Colin Carmichael, Zaid Mahmood, Mima Osmani, Alex Perkins.

In attendance: Chief Financial Officer (Jane Higham); Director of Finance (Frank Richardson), Financial Sustainability Director (Peter Pentecost); Director of Governance and Assurance (Secretary to the Council) (Dr Sinead Critchley); Governance Support Officer (Clare Cockerell).

Apologies: The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Karen Cox; Professor Shane Weller; Professor Iain Wilkinson; Ben Bradley; Chris Barron; Gabriel MacGregor; Michael Crick; Xian Chan; Dan Cook; Mayuri Lakhani; Kim Lowe; Dr Will Norman.

5541 Chair's Introduction

No new declarations of interest were noted.

It was clarified that the sub-group of Council comprising of the Chair of Council, Chair of Finance and Resources Committee, and Chair of Audit Committee, were acting under delegated authority from Council. Other members present were invited to contribute to the discussion.

5542 Report of the Chief Financial Officer:

5543 Annual Financial Return

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The subgroup of Council **approved** the paper **C2022/033** Annual Financial Return.

5544 External Audit – Audit Findings Report

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The subgroup of Council **approved** for sign off paper **C2022/034** External Audit – Audit Findings Report.

5545 Going Concern Assessment

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The subgroup of Council agreed that the assessment demonstrated that the University was a going concern and **approved** the paper **C2022/035** Going Concern Assessment.

5546 Financial Statements and Annual Report

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The subgroup of Council **approved** the paper **C2022/036** Financial Statement and Annual Report.

5547 Letter of Representation

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The Chair confirmed that the subgroup of Council were happy to **approve** the Letter of Representation to be signed by the Chair of the Finance & Resources Committee.

5548 Any Other Business

No further items of business were raised.

The Chair thanked those present for their contributions to the discussion and closed the meeting.

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).

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