



## Council

**Secretary's note:** *In advance of the first Finance and Resources Committee meeting, on 8 June 2023 from 12:30 until 14:00, Council Members were asked to meet to discuss two additional matters:*

- i. Appointment of the new Pro VC Global & Civic Engagement*
- ii. Briefing on West Slope Project and Capital Programme*

## MINUTES

**Attendees:** Rosemary Martin, Sasha Roseneil, Keith Jones, Tony Bullman, Kirstin Baker, Stephen Caddick, Gordon Finlayson, Max O'Donnell-Savage, Paul OPrey, Richard Zaltzman, Jane Parsons, Susan Angoy, Stephen Caddick, Sara Crangle, Susan Angoy and Charlotte Skeet

**Apologies:** David Curley, Nick Watson, Katie Ghose, Mark Devlin, Alison Haig-Davies, Aleema Shivji, Jo Moran-Ellis, Kristine Hickle and Rose Linehan

**In attendance:** Lisa Glandfield, Jason Oliver, Sally Priddle, Allan Spencer and Tim Westlake.

### 1. Welcome and house keeping

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed members of Council. It was reported that ahead of the first Finance and Resources Committee meeting, members of Council were asked to meet to discuss two additional matters: appointment of the new Pro VC Global & Civic Engagement and briefing on West Slope Project and Capital Programme

### 2. Apologies

- 2.1 Apologies were received from David Curley, Nick Watson, Katie Ghose, Mark Devlin, Alison Haig-Davies, Aleema Shivji, Jo Moran-Ellis, Kristine Hickle and Rose Linehan.

### 3. Pro Vice-Chancellor Global & Civic Engagement

- 3.1 In November 2022, Council approved the establishment of a new Pro-Vice Chancellor post to provide strategic leadership for: Global engagement, international partnerships and Civic, regional and national engagement.
- 3.2 In line with Regulation 7: Officers of the University, Pro-Vice-Chancellors were members of academic staff, appointed by Council on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor and shall hold office for a period to be determined by Council on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, not exceeding five years in the first instance and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

- 3.3 The University contracted Saxton Bampflyde to support the recruitment process. The interview process included two stakeholder groups split between global and civic focus and combined a mixture of Academic and Professional Services staff. The final interviews were conducted by a panel chaired by the Vice-Chancellor, the panel included an independent member of council, an elected Senate member and the Director of HR.
- 3.4 In line with the University's Regulations, the role was a Council appointment, having engaged with Senate. The Vice-Chancellor met with Senate at 5pm on Tuesday 6 June 2023 to share with them the CV of the preferred candidate.
- 3.5 The recruitment panel recommended the appointment of Professor Robin Banerjee as the new Pro-Vice-Chancellor Global and Civic Engagement for a period of 5 years, in line with University Regulation, from 1 September 2023.

**Resolved:**

- 3.6 Council APPROVED the appointment of Professor Robin Banerjee as the new Pro-Vice-Chancellor Global and Civic Engagement for a period of 5 years, in line with University Regulation, from 1 September 2023.
- 4. Briefing on the West Slope Project and Capital Programme.**
- 4.1 Council noted the summary of work to date and the interrelationship of West Slope and the Capital Programme, noting both the significance and complexity. There were a series of external challenges impacting the delivery plan for West Slope.
  - 4.2 Campus accommodation was a vital part of being able to attract, recruit and retain students. Growth in quantity and quality of accommodation had been an important part of the University's plans since the 2013- 2018 Making the Future strategic plan, where West Slope redevelopment was part of the University's plan to increase the student population of 18,000, a total which the University now already exceeds.
  - 4.3 Council discussed key areas, the current prognosis on costs and therefore investment, and the alternatives which could be pursued should the proposed cost not lead to a price which the University and Council feel would allow the University to proceed.
  - 4.4 A proposal on the best way to proceed would come to Chairs Committee and Council in July 2023.