

Minutes of the Special Corporation Meeting

held Wednesday 22 March 2023 at 6.30pm supported through Microsoft Teams

Present Joanne Chilton (*Chair*), Joanne Williams (*Interim Principal*), Aisha Benachour, Shabir Chagan, Lee Clulow, Alexandra Fratila, Andy Hanson, Ian Hughes, Tiffany Harvey-Pallent, Thomas Huntbatch, Joanne Rouse

In attendance Jacquie Carman (*Vice Principal, Chief Operating Officer*)
Jennifer Sunter (*Clerk to the Corporation*)

1	Apologies
	Apologies were received on behalf of Helene Jones, Clair Graham, Alison Jarrett, Raj Joshi, Gail Rothnie and Mark Sterling.
2	Declarations of Interest
	There were none.
3	Estates/Capital Projects Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trinity Point Purchase Update • Trinity Point Refurbishment
	<p>Jacquie Carman summarised the position and proposals regarding the purchase and refurbishment of Trinity Point.</p> <p>The Finance and Resources Committee had considered the details leading up to the purchase of Trinity Point, specifically around gaining planning consent. Planning consent had been achieved with conditions, predominantly regarding a local travel plan with regards to Trinity Point, Shenstone House and Whittingham Road campuses of the College. The College had enlisted the services of a specialist and a travel plan was being submitted to Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council.</p> <p>Jacquie Carman also outlined the tender process and due diligence outcomes, identifying the preferred provider for the first phase of refurbishment of Trinity Point.</p> <p>Members noted the ongoing estates planning needs.</p> <p>Members asked questions on the risk of the travel plan impacting on existing arrangements and Jacquie Carman outlined the detailed process and dialogue undertaken, and that the plan had achievable targets to discharge to satisfy the planning consent.</p> <p>The ongoing dialogue with planners was noted as pivotal to achieving a successful outcome.</p> <p>Members also asked about the plans and vision for Trinity Point moving forward. Jacquie Carman outlined the immediate plans for work timescales to address the first four floors, focusing on teaching space and supportive learning and welfare spaces. Longer term vision for the higher-level floors would be subject to further tenders and provided opportunity.</p>

		Members thanked Jacquie Carman for her hard work in addressing the challenges arising in taking the estates strategy forward.
		The Corporation noted the planning consent and requirements upon this and ratified the purchase of Trinity Point. The Corporation approved the appointment of E Mantons as contractor to refurbish phase 1 of the building, the tendered cost being £3,595,206 plus VAT.
4		Date of next meeting
		The next meeting of the Corporation is as scheduled for 29 March 2023.

The meeting closed: 6.45pm