

## **News from the FE Corporation meeting, 27 February 2018**

### **SEND Update**

Governors received a presentation from the College's LLDD and ALS Manager, Andy Gilpin, on SEND, including current college provision, student numbers and funding issues.

Governors hope to receive presentations from more managers over coming meetings, in order to improve their understanding of college operations and increase governor visibility.

### **Strategic Plan**

Governors received an update on progress against the strategic plan and were pleased to hear about the wide range of comments and suggestions from staff during the team meetings with senior managers to discuss the plan. Governors also received information on the college's successful bid to pilot T level work placements. Further bids had been submitted to pilot T levels in Digital and Childcare and Education and information would be received in due course.

### **Quality**

Governors received an update on quality, as previously considered by the Quality and Standards Committee, and were pleased to note continuing improvements in many areas. Governors also recognised the impact of increasing numbers of students joining the college who were required to re-take English and maths qualifications. The college's HE Strategy had been considered and agreed by the Quality and Standards Committee.

### **Curriculum Planning**

Governors received an initial update and noted planned areas of growth included apprenticeships, adult education, full cost provision and pre-16 in-fill and nurture groups. Governors would receive further updates following conclusion of curriculum planning.

### **Student Feedback**

The Chair of the Student Liaison Committee provided an overview of issues raised by students at Student Liaison Committee meetings, including some IT and software issues, challenges with work experience / work placements and issues with break times due to the size and layout of the building. Students continued to speak very positively about teaching and learning within the college and the college culture.

### **Financial Update**

Governors received an update from the Finance and Employment Committee and also received the latest monthly management accounts. Governors were pleased to note that expenditure was in line with budget, although the college continues to face financial challenges and is looking at ways to increase income.

### **Governing Body Membership**

Governors welcomed Eric Wash to his first meeting as staff governor, and thanked Wayne Hall for all his contributions to the Board and its committees as staff governor.

Governors are also seeking two further independent members, preferably with financial and / or business engagement experience and expertise. Application details are publicised on the College website.

**College visitors**

Governors received information about the visit of the Tees Valley Mayor to the College in January and were pleased to note that he had been very positive about the college provision and facilities.

Best wishes from the Board

Pat Howarth, Chair

Kate Roe, Principal