

PROSPECTS COLLEGE OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

28 OCTOBER 2017

MINUTES

Present: David Sherlock (Chair) External Governor
Judith Abbott Chief Executive
Prof Rao Bhamidimarri External Governor
Bala Mahendran External Governor
Peter McKee External Governor
Rachel Richards External Governor
Ruth Umerah External Governor

In attendance: Madeleine Austin Executive PA
Robin Jones Clerk to the Board of Governors
Ros Parker Principal
Helen Russell Director of Business Development

501 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Board noted that apologies for absence had been submitted by Stephen Metcalfe and Theo Steel given other commitments.

The Board noted that the meeting was quorate and could proceed.

502 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Members present confirmed that there were no declarations of interest relative to the issues set out in the published agenda.

503 PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the proposed expression of interest relating to the Institutes of Technology initiative announced by the Government which had been discussed at length as part of the Board's Strategic Planning session.

504 INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY

The Board reviewed the proposed submission to the Department for Education of the expression of interest for the Institutes of Technology initiative.

The particular attention of Members was drawn to the range of partners and the working project title – Skill Innovation for Manufacturing, Infrastructure & Transport (SIMIT).

It was appreciated that there would be a wide range of issues to be addressed if and when the College was invited to submit a full application the identification of the use to be made of any grant funding such as the purchase of specialist equipment.

The Board agreed following discussion:

- 1 to welcome the proposed approach set out in the draft expression of interest
- 2 to acknowledge the work already undertaken by the Executive in identifying partners and preparing the draft paper
- 3 that, subject to any final comments from Members over the next 2 days, the Executive, in consultation with Professor Rao Bhamidimarri, be authorised to submit the expression of interest to the Department for Education by 31 October 2017
- 4 to support the Executive in progressing the initiative including bringing together the identified partners as and when this was thought to be appropriate so that there was clarity as to roles and responsibilities
- 5 to look forward to hearing more about the initiative following the anticipated publication of the Institutes of Technology Prospectus and any early feedback on the expression of interest so that the Board could comment on the draft project plan
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Signed: _____ Date: _____