



**Confidential Minutes of the Special meeting of the Corporation Board of Sunderland College  
held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 3.00 pm in Room 1-22, Bede Campus**

**PRESENT:** Mr G Blyth  
Ms J Cramman  
Mr T Crompton  
Counsellor Louise Farthing  
Mr R Lawson (Chair)  
Mrs C Magog  
Mr P McEldon  
Mr S Patterson (joining by conference call)  
Ms E Thinnesen (Principal)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Maxine Bagshaw, Interim Head of Corporate Governance & Policy  
Emma Moody, WBD  
Alison Smullen, WBD  
Nigel Harrett, Deputy Principal/Deputy CEO  
David Howells, Vice-Principal (Finance & Resources)  
Mark Hughes, Head of Hartlepool Sixth Form  
Vikkie Morton, Assistant Principal Student Customer Experience  
Judith Quinn, Vice Principal Curriculum & Achievement

**Bd/19/50 APOLOGIES AND CONSENT FOR ABSENCE & DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Apologies were received from John Barnett, Simon Marshall, Mark Patton, Jonathan Phillips and Ralph Sealzer. Absent without apologies was K Ramanathas.

The Chair reminded everyone present to declare any interests that they may have on matters to be discussed. Standing declarations were noted.

**Bd/19/51 MERGER UPDATE**

Updates were provided in a number of areas:

(Redacted)

Subject to the points raised above:

**RESOLUTION:** the Board unanimously resolved that it is in the best interests of Sunderland College, and in pursuit of its charitable purposes, to approve the type B merger with Northumberland College and to accept a transfer of Northumberland College's assets, property rights and liabilities.

**Bd/19/52 GOVERNANCE UPDATE**

The interim Head of Corporate Governance and Policy presented the summary report and confirmed that it had in the main, been drafted to give the Northumberland College Board of Governors clarity regarding the intended governance arrangements post-merger. She advised that ongoing communication with the Chair and Principal at NC has raised a number of issues still to address.

(Redacted)

AGREED: to note the content of the update provided.

(Staff left the meeting)

It was noted that there were a further two items to be reported separately, these are:

- a) CEOs job description
- b) Senior post holder report