

Chesterton Community College

Strategic Committee Minutes

15th January 2016

1. **Present:** Lucy Scott (Head), Simon Peyton-Jones (Chair), Jim Warwick, Lucy Lewis, Eva Pepper, Helen Arnold, Roger Mann, Mary Sanders, Rolf Purvis, Mark Little and Donna Young.

The Chair gave a warm welcome and wished everyone a happy New Year.

2. **Apologies:** None

3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests:** None were declared.

4. **Register of Business Interests:** None were declared.

5. **Terms of Reference 2015-2016:** Minor changes were discussed and agreed.

Clerk to amend and update.

6. **Minutes of the last meeting (03.07.2015):** These were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chair.

7. **Forward Planning for Darwin Green:** LS opened the discussion and explained to the committee where we are at in the process of the planning for Darwin Green. LS explained that it was still early stages with a lot of work still ahead and decisions still to be complete, along with a legal process still to go through. The Committee were shown a Gant chart with proposed dates of when each stage of the development should be starting.

DY explained to the committee the Multi Academy Trust process and how Chesterton has formally attained this title. LS added that we should now be focusing on sorting a trustee group to drive things forward. This should include representatives of Chesterton so it remains the same, has the same Ethos and shares the same vision.

After a lengthy discussion and concerns from Governors about appointing people too quickly it was proposed that for now the Strategic Committee plus SLT would act as Steering group for the project, rather than establishing a

separate steering group. This would mean more meetings throughout the year to which the committee agreed.

LS added that the first aim is to get the Multi Academy Trust structure right and added the New School will be a Free School not an Academy. MS suggested the possibility of having someone from the Regional Schools Commissioner's office come in to advise about the multi-academy trust structure. **Action LS to invite.**

Governors then discussed the possibilities of inviting people of the community to come in and talk about ideas and give advice. SPJ suggested the possibility of establishing a broader Advisory Group to act in a consultative role; however the committee agreed that they would stick to just the steering group for now. SPJ added that it would nevertheless be a good idea to brainstorm with some community partners early, and have links with the University Primary School and PTA.

8. **AOB:** None

9. **Date of Next Meeting:** To be Arranged

This Meeting Closed at 9.00am