



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ACADEMY TRUST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Thursday 16 December 2021 at 6.35 pm

Venue: Microsoft Teams

Present:

Mr T Bailey	(TB)	Member
Mr K Bannister	(KB)	Trustee
Mr J Everard	(JE)	Member, Vice-Chair
Mr M Howell	(MH)	Member
Mr M Judd	(MJ)	Trustee
Mr P Nagle	(PN)	Member, Chair
Mr C Wakefield	(CWA)	Executive Principal
Ms C Whitaker	(CDW)	Member

In attendance:

Mr R Scott	(RSC)	Company Secretary, Director of Finance & Premises
Mrs K Redmond	(KRE)	Clerk (Governance Professional) to Academy Trust

Apologies:

Mr T Baster	(TBA)	Joint Head of Academy
Mrs R Clark	(RCL)	Joint Head of Academy
Mr E Judge	(EJ)	Trustee
Ms L Smart	(LS)	Trustee

This group was quorate for the purpose of resolutions

Item	Topic	Minute
1.	Welcome and apologies for absence	PN welcomed members to the meeting and NOTED the apologies.
2.	Appointments and Resignations	Members NOTED the resignations of Ms Jessica Finch with effect from 14 July 2021 and Mr Steve Watterston with effect from 8 December 2021.
3.	Declaration of Business Interests	There were no new declarations of business interests and no Member recorded any conflict of interest with the items on the agenda or the receipt or giving of any gifts or hospitality since the last meeting.
4.	Minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2021	The minutes of 27 January 2021 were AGREED and signed as a true record.
5.	Matters Arising	There were no Matters Arising.

6.	Board of Trustees: to receive the minutes	Members RECEIVED the minutes of the Board of Trustees' meetings held on 22 September 2021 and 8 December 2021.
7.	To receive the Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21	The Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21 were RECEIVED. Members thanked RSC for all his efforts in preparing the financial statements against tight deadlines.
8	To consider reappointment of Auditors for 2021-22	Members NOTED that the academy had previously reviewed the performance of UHY Hacker and Young (UHY). RSC confirmed that UHY had confirmed at the Audit Committee held earlier today that they would be pleased to continue with the external audit for the academy. CWA and RSC advised that UHY continued to provide a good service and are consistent in their approach. There is no statutory requirement to change and UHY are a strong reputable company with a great deal of experience in auditing academies. There have been changes in the audit team to mitigate risk of familiarity. RSC had previously soft tested the market and there could be a significant cost increase if retendered, including from UHY as they would then review their rates. UHY also provide a great deal of information throughout the year via circulars and updates. The appointment of UHY Hacker and Young was proposed by MH, seconded by PN and AGREED unanimously.
8	Any Other Business	There was no Any Other Business.
9	Confirmation of confidential items for the Minutes	None.

Meeting closed at 6.50 pm

Actions

Date of Meeting/ Item number	Topic	Minute
n/a		