

**CLOSED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 26 MAY 2023 (via Microsoft Teams)**

Present: Lord Keith Bradley (Chair), Simeon Anyalemechi, Professor Dame Sue Bailey, Jennifer Bayjoo, Dr Tony Coombs, Councillor Phil Cusack, Garry Dowdle, Philip Green (from minute COU.23.47), Merlyn Lowther, Sean O'Hara, Micheal Omoniyi (from minute COU.23.47), Sam Plant, Festus Robert, Alan Roff, Helen Taylor, Professor Mike Wood, Dr Katherine Yates and Dr Elsa Zekeng.

Apologies: Angela Adimora, Ben Gallop, Professor Helen Marshall, Ian Moston.

In attendance: Emma French (Executive Director, Governance & Assurance and University Secretary) and Martin Toner (secretary).

**COU.23.45 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Noted: that no declarations of interest pertaining to the agenda were raised.

**COU.23.46 VICE-CHANCELLOR APPOINTMENT**

Considered, on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor's Recruitment and Selection Sub-Group (VCRSSG), the preferred candidate for appointment to the office of Vice-Chancellor (VC) and the proposed arrangements between appointments (COU/23/34).

RESOLVED: by unanimous vote, that – *redacted* - be appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Salford.

**COU.23.47 INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS**

Considered: an oral update on the interim arrangements to be used between the departure of the outgoing Vice-Chancellor and the arrival of the incoming Vice-Chancellor, as set out in Section 3 of Document COU/23/34.

Reported:

i) – *redacted* -

ii) that due to the short period of vacancy in the office, it was proposed that recourse be made to the University's existing exceptional arrangements whereby the Deputy Chief Executive Officer would act up under their approved terms, conditions, and reimbursement for such an eventuality.

Noted:

i) that it was hoped that a public announcement on the appointment would be made early in the week commencing 5 June 2023;

ii) that the Chair of Council would inform Council members once a start date had been finalised, and would inform Vice-Chancellor's Executive Team (VCET) members before the public announcement;

iii) that all information relating to the appointment would remain embargoed until the public announcement was issued;

iv) that the VCET briefing referred to in the paper was now expected to take place on Monday 5 June;

v) that Council Chair recorded his thanks to the University Secretary, Corporate Governance team and Executive Director of HR and Organisational Development for their assistance in ensuring that the whole recruitment process had gone so smoothly;

vi) that Council recorded their thanks to the Council Chair for guiding the Council and University so well through this important process.

RESOLVED: that the Deputy CEO, Mrs Julie Charge, be appointed to assume the role of Accountable Officer for the University during the intervening period between appointments.

COU.23.48 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Noted: that no additional items of business had been notified to the Chair.

COU.23.49 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Reported: that the next ordinary meeting was scheduled for Friday 14 July 2023.