



## Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Search Committee held on Friday 28 May 2021 at 11.30am in the College

**Present:** Mike Hill (*Principal*)  
Oliver Maddock (*Chair*)  
Michael Martin

**In attendance:** Ruth Potter (*Clerk*)

*The Chair welcomed all attendees to this special meeting which had been called at short notice in order to deal with an urgent piece of business.*

### 1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Attendees were invited to declare whether they had any direct or indirect personal, prejudicial or pecuniary interest or conflict of interest in any matter which formed the subject of this meeting or was likely to be discussed at this meeting. No new interests were declared other than those which were already recorded on the College's register of interests.

The declarations of interest were **noted** by the Committee.

### 2. **RESIGNATION OF FOUNDATION GOVERNOR AND CHAIR OF GOVERNORS WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT**

Paul Rooney, Foundation Governor and Chair of Governors, had given written notice to the Clerk, Principal and Vice Chair of Governors on 26 May 2021 that due to his circumstances he had to stand down from all his duties on the board with immediate effect. This special meeting of the Search Committee had been convened in order to discuss the implications of the Chair's resignation and agree the immediate next steps.

The Clerk reported that she had consulted the Instrument and Articles of Government on this issue and clause 8(1) of the Instrument of Government required Foundation Governors to give written notice of their resignation to the Bishop.

It was agreed that the Vice Chair of Governors would write to Paul Rooney to express the College's thanks for his years of service on the board and to check whether written notice had already been given to the Bishop. The Vice Chair would report back to Committee whereupon, if notice had not been given to the Bishop, the Clerk would write to the Archdiocese to apprise them of the situation.

**ACTION – Vice Chair of Governors to write to Paul Rooney and report back to Committee.**

Discussion ensued as to who else formal notice of the Chair's resignation should be tendered and it was agreed that Sue Ritson at the ESFA should be notified.

