

NORTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE

RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Resources Committee (unreserved business) held on 14 August 2018 at the Newtownabbey campus, commencing at 3.35pm.

Present: Ms Y Mallon, Mrs G McConnell (Chair) and Prof T Scott

In Attendance: Mr H Crossey, Mr D Hewitt, Mr M Higgins, Mr S Lavery, Mr V Taggart.

Mrs K Wallace (Secretary)

Mr I Murphy

The Chair referred to the recent passing of former Councillor Mr James Brown and members expressed their sympathies. Prof Scott had forwarded a letter of condolence to the family.

13.1 Apologies

Mr K Chambers.

13.2 Declaration of Interests

None.

13.3 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2018 were approved.

Proposed: Mrs Mallon

Seconded: Prof Scott

13.4 Matters Arising

An update on the LMS project would be given at the next meeting of Committee.

13.5 Chair's Communication

None.

13.6 Correspondence

Committee gave consideration to Mr Crossey's letter of 6 July 2018 to the Permanent Secretary in relation to the 2018/19 budget and the subsequent response of 26 July.

Members noted that Mr Crossey had met with the Director of Further Education and Mr Eugene Rooney to reinforce the Governing Body's concerns and that a further meeting was scheduled to examine the matter in more detail.

Committee viewed this as a major issue which needs to be addressed urgently.

ACTION: Meeting with the Department to take place on 23 August.

13.7 2018/19 Budget

Consideration was given to the following papers:

- College July 2018 Forecast
- Budget Sector Position
- Stocktake with DfE on pressures at 31 July 2018
- Minor Works Capital Bid (Priority Order)

Mr Higgins took Committee through the 2017/18 budget time line and highlighted all key issues leading up to the submission of the CDP in May 2018 and the DfE finance stock-take meeting on 31 July 2018. He outlined the consequences for the College if a reinstatement of the £1.4m baseline funding was not achieved, the College would overspend and not achieve budget tolerance targets. The Committee noted that resource and capital pressures had been advised to the Department at all stages of the process and at every opportunity thereafter.

Reference was made to the Tribal report (2018) which demonstrated the efficiency of the College and members noted that the Final CPD submitted by the College in May 2018 (and all previous draft submissions) clearly showed that the allocated budget was not sufficient.

The Resources Committee was comfortable that monthly returns submitted to the Department should continue to signal the financial pressures as is and without resolution by the Department the Committee was aware and endorsed a potential budget overrun at March 2019 due to contractually committed and essential expenditure.

13.8 Shared Services

It was noted that the PSSSP workshop scheduled for 9 August 2018 had been postponed.

13.9 Any Other Business

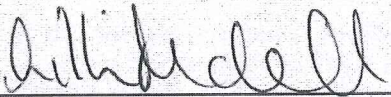
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13.10 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on 15 October, time and venue to be notified.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 4.05pm.

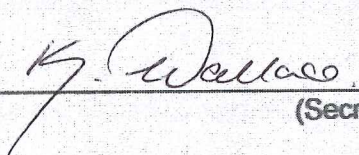
Mrs G McConnell


(Vice Chair)

Date

15/10/18.
15 October 2018

Mrs K Wallace


(Secretary)