

Northern Regional College

Education Committee – Special Meeting

Minutes of the Special Education Committee meeting to consider the Entrepreneurship Hub held on 21 April 2021 on Microsoft Teams, commencing at 5.00pm.

Present: Mrs I Allison (Chair), Mr K Chambers, Ms A Close, Ms A Dynes, Mr B McGahan, Dr P Graham, Mrs M Hamilton, Ms Y Mallon, Dr K McCambridge, Mr B McCluggage, Mrs G McConnell, Mr T Montgomery, Mr I Murphy, Prof T Scott and Mr G Wilkinson

In Attendance: Mr I Abraham, Mr R Bolt, Mrs C Brown, Mr M Higgins, Mrs A Morrison and Ms J Small,

Mrs K Wallace (Secretary)

Welcome/Introduction

The Chair welcomed Governing Body members to the meeting.

Mrs Brown outlined the format for the single topic meeting and highlighted that the main item would be in relation to participant feedback and discussion from the breakout sessions.

The Chair handed over to the Chair of the Governing Body to take the following issue as a Governing Body matter.

Policy on Teacher Assessed Grades 2020/21: Mr McGahan reported that responses on this policy, which had been shared for comment on 14 April due to time considerations, had been positive with one query which had been answered. The policy was approved and would be noted in the minutes of the Governing Body meeting on 12 May 2020.

Proposed: Mr McCluggage Seconded: Mr Graham

DfE Curriculum Hub and Action Plan

Members noted the Entrepreneurship Hub briefing paper, Action Plan and RAG Report, which had been provided for information.

Mrs Morrison and Mr Abrahams summarised the contents of the Enterprise Hub presentation, which had previously been delivered to the Curriculum Management Team.

Mrs Morrison outlined a number of next stage plans for promoting entrepreneurship across the student journey from induction, through offers of additionality / extra curricular activity to level 3 awards. Members noted that the next meeting of the Hub would take place in the coming week.

Future Vision – Shaping the Way Forward

Mr Abrahams drew members' attention to the Entrepreneurship Hub Industry Links (EHIL)

Survey Report and Executive Summary, which were noted. He outlined the context of the sectoral approach to embedding entrepreneurship and the EHIL focus on vocational courses, research and development facilities and business enterprise.

Members received details on resources developed to date, CPD for staff and economic engagement and future scoping, with a project based subgroup sectoral event taking place in May, to be led by the College.

Questions and comments invited from the floor highlighted a number of issues, including a need for focus on finance and intellectual property. The intended approaches of inviting entrepreneurs from different sectors to present to classes and to involve cross curricular activity in supporting areas, were welcomed. Mrs Morrison emphasised the need for this to be discussed in depth on the Hub, especially in terms of resources.

Members divided into two groups for a short period of discussion and feedback.

ACTION: Mrs Brown advised that a summary report and agreed actions would be developed and brought to the Education Committee meeting on 5 May.

Thanks were extended to all members for their attendance. Expressions of interest in taking part in further discussions/events was noted.

The meeting concluded at 6.10pm



Mr B McGahan _____

Date 12 May 2021

(Chair)



Mrs K Wallace _____

(Secretary)