

QUALITY & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference, Constitution and Procedures

1. Terms of Reference

- 1.1 To review out-turn in terms of student achievement, learner satisfaction and class observation and advise the Corporation on these matters.
- 1.2 To review quality systems including self assessment and make recommendations to the College Management Team and Corporation.

2 Membership (5)

- Chair and /or Vice Chair of Corporation
- The Chair of Audit Committee (self-assessment validator)
- Principal
- One other governor (or two if only one of Chair and Vice Chair becomes a member)

2.1 The Vice Principal (Curriculum, Quality and Personnel) shall advise the Committee.

2.2 The Clerk to the Corporation shall act as Clerk to the Committee.

3 Term of Office

3.1 Members shall be appointed annually by the Corporation.

3.2 At the end of their term of office, members may be re-appointed, subject to their remaining eligible.

4.0 Chair

4.1 The Committee shall appoint a chair, elected by a majority of votes cast by members.

4.2 The term of office for the chair shall be one year but a chair may stand for re-election. A chair shall cease to hold office, if he/she resigns by giving written notice to the Clerk to the Corporation, or if they cease to be a member of the Committee.

4.3 The Committee shall select one of its members to preside over a meeting if the chair is unable to attend.

5 Quorum

The quorum for the Committee shall be three members

6 Frequency of Meetings

- 6.1 The Committee shall usually meet three times during the academic year
- 6.2 Meetings shall be convened by the Clerk to the Corporation giving at least seven calendar days notice and providing a full agenda to every member. Such notice shall state the time, date and place of the meeting.
- 6.3 If in the reasonable opinion of the chair there are matters, which require urgent consideration, the Clerk to the Corporation may convene a meeting of the Committee, giving at least three days notice.

7 Record of Meetings

- 7.1 The names of members present at a Committee meeting shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- 7.2 The chair shall sign the minutes of the previous meeting at the following meeting to confirm that they are an accurate record.
- 7.3 Copies of the agenda, papers, draft minutes approved by the Chair and signed minutes for each meeting shall be made available for public inspection as soon as reasonably practicable at Priory House, Shrewsbury Sixth Form College, Priory Road, Shrewsbury, with the exception of confidential items.
- 7.4 An item may be excluded from public inspection if it relates to any matter which the Committee is satisfied should be dealt with as confidential.
- 7.5 At each meeting the Committee shall consider whether items previously considered confidential should remain so.
- 7.6 Members shall respect the confidentiality of items of business, which have been determined as confidential.

8 Voting

- 8.1 Where the Committee cannot reach agreement on any matter, it shall be determined by a majority vote. Where the votes are equal, the chair shall have a second or casting vote.
- 8.2 All members shall comply with the doctrine of collective responsibility and stand by a decision once made.

9 Code of Conduct

- 9.1 In carrying out their functions members are expected to act in accordance with the seven principles of public life, as recommended by the Nolan Committee's report, "Standards in Public Life", namely: selflessness; integrity; objectivity; accountability; openness; honesty; and leadership.

- 9.2 Members shall declare their interest, whether pecuniary or non-pecuniary, in any item on the agenda. They shall take no part in the decision relating to that item and not form part of the quorum, when any decision is made in respect of that item.
- 9.3 Members shall not allow any conflict of interest to arise, which may interfere, or be perceived to interfere, with the exercise of their independent judgement.
- 9.4 Members shall not accept gifts, hospitality or benefits of any kind, which may be seen as compromising their personal judgement, objectivity or integrity.
- 9.5 In conducting its business the Committee shall have regard to the requirements of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, the Race Relations Act 1976, the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, and the Human Rights Act 1999.

10 **Complaints**

- 10.1 Any complaints about the operation of the Committee shall be addressed in the first instance to the Clerk to the Corporation, who shall seek to resolve the complaint and report the outcome to the next meeting of the Committee. If the complaint cannot be resolved by the Clerk, it shall be reported to the next meeting of the Corporation.

11 **Review of Terms of Reference**

- 11.1 The Committee will review these Terms of Reference every three years or as necessary or required by legislation.
- 11.2 Any amendments to this document shall be approved by the Corporation.