

Council of Governors

22 September 2020

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Council of Governors – Private Meeting

Tuesday 22 September 2020, 3.15 – 4.00pm
Microsoft Teams

Agenda

ITEM	PURPOSE	LEAD	FORMAT	TIMING	
CHAIRS BUSINESS					
1.	Welcome and Introductions	Information	Chair	Verbal	3.15pm
1.	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 21 July 2020	Approval	Chair	ENC 1	3.20pm
2.	Chair's update	Information	Chair	Verbal	3.25pm
3.	Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 10 November 2020 at The Friarage Hospital	Information	Chair		

Council of Governors Meeting in PRIVATE
21 July 2020 at 3.15pm
Microsoft Teams / Ian Haslock Lecture Theatre,
STRIVE Building, JCUH

Present:

Mr Alan Downey	Chairman of the Trust and Chair of the meeting
Ms Ann Arundale	Elected governor, Middlesbrough
Mrs Plym Auty	Elected governor, Hambleton & Richmondshire
Mr Steve Bell	Elected governor, Staff
Mr David Bennett	Elected governor, Patient and/or Carer
Mrs Yvonne Bytheway	Elected governor, Middlesbrough
Dr Susy Cook	Appointed governor, Teesside University
Ms Janet Crampton	Elected governor, Hambleton & Richmondshire
Cllr Caroline Dickinson	Appointed governor, North Yorkshire County Council
Mr Martin Fletcher	Elected governor, Staff
Ms Rebecca Hodgson	Elected governor, Middlesbrough
Mr Mike Holmes	Elected governor, Hambleton & Richmondshire
Mr Allan Jackson	Elected governor, Redcar & Cleveland
Prof Stephen Jones	Appointed governor, Newcastle University
Ms Jean Milburn	Elected governor, Middlesbrough
Ms Alison Munkley	Elected governor, Middlesbrough
Mr Lee O'Brien	Appointed governor, Carer organisation
Mr John Race MBE	Elected governor, Redcar & Cleveland
Ms Jennifer Rutland	Elected governor, Redcar & Cleveland
Dr Philip Warwick	Appointed governor, Durham University
Mr Jon Winn	Elected governor, Redcar & Cleveland
Mrs Sue Young	Elected governor, Hambleton & Richmondshire

In attendance:

Ms Lisa Bosomworth	Representative of appointed governor, Healthwatch
Mrs Anita Keogh	Corporate Affairs Officer/PA to Chairman
Ms Debbie Reape	Non-executive Director
Mrs Maureen Rutter	Senior Independent Director/Non-executive Director

CHAIR'S BUSINESS

1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mr Jon Broughton	Elected governor, Staff
Mr Paul Crawshaw	Appointed governor, Healthwatch
Mr David Hall	Elected governor, Hambleton & Richmondshire
Ms Barbara Hewitt	Elected governor, Redcar & Cleveland
Mr Patrick Rice	Appointed Governor, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Mr Erik Scollay	Appointed governor, Middlesbrough Council
Mrs Angela Seward	Elected governor, Rest of England
Ms Tink Wedgwood-Jones	Elected governor, Patient and/or Carer

The following Non-executive Directors submitted their apologies:

Ms Ada Burns	Non-executive Director
Mr Richard Carter-Ferris	Non-executive Director
Mr Mike Ducker	Non-executive Director
Mr David Heslop	Non-executive Director

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 June 2020 were approved.

Resolved: i) the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 2 June 2020 were accepted as an accurate record.

3. **Chair's update**

The Chairman began by confirming that it had become apparent that there was no alignment between the three acute trusts about the creation of a Tees Valley Group Board. It was clear that North Tees wished to establish a Group Board which was little more than a committee in common, with no real authority. The South Tees Board saw this as a pointless exercise which would only serve as a distraction from the important business of implementing the South Tees improvement and recovery plans. The Board had therefore decided to 'press the pause button' on discussions about the creation of a Group Board. This had led NHSE/I to convene a board-to-board meeting which would involve North and South Tees, NHSE/I, the Tees Valley CCG and the North East and North Cumbria ICS. The meeting was scheduled for 27 July 2020.

The Chairman continued that South Tees had been filling a number of senior posts on an interim basis, in the expectation that joint appointments might be made across North and South Tees. In recent discussions it had become clear that North Tees would not agree to joint appointments in the foreseeable future. The time had therefore come for South Tees to strengthen its leadership team on a permanent basis.

The Chairman then referred to the appointment of Mr Rob Harrison as Managing Director, with effect from 1 September 2020, initially on secondment, but with the expectation that a permanent appointment would follow.

Comments and questions followed:

- Mrs Plym Auty felt that the Trust needed to focus on its own issues and challenges and should not spend time on discussions about the Tees Valley if they were not going to lead anywhere.
- Mr Steve Bell agreed and added that the Trust would need to be fully prepared for the next CQC visit.
- Mr Jon Winn commented that we need to get our own house in order.
- Dr Philip Warwick asked about the likelihood of sanctions being imposed on either North or South Tees. Mr Downey replied that NHSE/I had proved reluctant to use their powers of intervention in the past.

The Chairman then mentioned that an independent review of IT in the Tees Valley was about to commence. This was something the Trust had been pressing for since November 2019.

Finally, the Chairman referred to a number of upcoming NED vacancies. We had not made progress with filling these, because of the ongoing discussions about a possible coming together of North and South Tees. However, it was now clear that joint NED appointments were unlikely to be made in the foreseeable future. A meeting of the Nomination Committee had therefore been arranged, so that the NED vacancies could be discussed and recommendations made on the skills required and the appointment of Gatenby Sanderson to search for suitable candidates. Mr Downey confirmed that he would update Governors by e-mail once the Nomination Committee meeting had taken place.

Resolved: i) the Governors thanked the Chairman for his update.

4.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Council of Governors is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 22 September 2020 at James Cook Hospital.