

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Corporation held on  
Wednesday, 10 November 2021 at 5:30pm via Teams**

**Present:**

- John Barnett
- Derek Cogle
- Pamela Dawson
- Louise Doyle
- Cllr Louise Farthing
- Julia Fox
- Jeff Hope
- Sue Houston
- Rob Lawson (Chair at Bede)
- Paul McEldon
- Lyndsey O'Leary
- Alison Shaw
- Phil Smith
- James Stuart
- Ellen Thinnesen, Chief Executive

**In Attendance:**

- David Howells, Chief Operating Officer
- Nigel Harrett, Principal Northumberland College
- Robert Griffiths, Consultant
- Andrew Ferguson, Local Governor
- Neil Salvesen, Local Governor
- John Holmes, Local Governor
- Christine Stretesky, Head of Corporate Governance and Policy

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting noting it is the first meeting for newly appointed Governor Phil Smith and that due to the highly confidential nature of the item being discussed, the Staff Governor and Student Governor have been excluded from the meeting. He continued noting that while the Northumberland Local Governing Board has been extended an invitation to the meeting, Governor Towns has been excluded due to the conflict of interest presented as he is a Northumberland County Councillor.

**Bd/21-22/15 Apologies and consent for absence and declarations of interest**

Apologies were received from Jacqueline Steed and Jill Colbert.

No declarations of interest made from members of the Board. John Holmes declared his connection with Bernicia Homes which has been part of some discussion around the purchase of the land.

**Bd/21-22/16 Ashington New Build: Update**

This item was determined to be confidential with minutes maintained separately.

**Bd/21-22/17 Any Other Business**

There was no other business raised.

**Bd/21-22/18 Date, time and venue of next meeting**

- Tuesday 14 December 2021 at 6:00pm in the Conference Room, Washington Campus

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at: 18:35