

THE CORPORATION

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SEARCH AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 24 MARCH 2010

Present:

Ms K Clifford		Principal	Apologies
Mr J Hedges	Chair of Committee	Co-opted member	Present
Mr N A Hudson	Vice-Chair of Committee	Co-opted member	Present
Ms S Medd		Support Staff member	Present

Clerk to the Corporation:

Mr C Bond

Also Present:

Mr F Ahmed

Mr H Nur

Minute MS/14/10 (6.30pm)

Declarations of Interest

No declarations were received.

Minute MS/15/10 (6.31pm)

Apologies for Absence

These were received from the Principal.

Minute MS/16/10 (6.32pm)

Meeting with Mr Farid Ahmed

Farid Ahmed had been appointed as a member on 2006. His term of office was due to expire on 28 March 2010. Mr Ahmed is, under the rules adopted at the Corporation meeting on 3 July 2009 eligible for a second four year term. The committee interviewed Mr Ahmed. The following issues were raised:

Attendance

It was noted that Mr Ahmed's attendance had been 62% during his first term of office. This compares to a Corporation average of 87% and a national benchmark of 70%. Mr Ahmed explained that he had a very busy schedule as he was at times working for three companies. He explained that after 6 April he would no longer be working for Actant and that he would have more time to spend on his duties as a governor.

Noel Hudson asked if there was an issue of commitment as well as time. In response, Mr Ahmed said that as a former pupil of the school he had a very great commitment to the institution and the wider community that it served.

Political Activities and Potential Conflicts of Interest

The committee was aware that Mr Ahmed is a member of the Liberal Democratic Party. He is also the Prospective Parliamentary candidate for the Walthamstow constituency. It was noted that as the commissioning function would pass to the local authority. It was also noted that the local authority was run by a Labour/Liberal Democrat coalition and that this could place Mr Ahmed in a position where there was a potential conflict of interest between his loyalty to the Liberal Democratic Party and his fiduciary relationship to the Corporation. Mr Ahmed indicated that he was aware that such potential conflicts of interest could occur and that should any conflict, or anything which could be perceived as a conflict, become apparent then he would make a formal declaration of interest.

Mr Ahmed withdrew from the meeting.

It was decided to recommend Mr Ahmed for a further four year term providing that Mr Ahmed gave an undertaking to attempt to improve his attendance and alert the Corporation to any potential conflicts of interest.

Mr Ahmed returned to the meeting and was happy to give an undertaking on both issues.

The committee resolved to recommend that the Corporation appoint Mr Ahmed to a second four year term.

Minute MS/17/10 (6.48 pm)

Meeting with Mr Hussein Nur

In a postal ballot of all parents conducted under the first past the post system, Mr Nur had obtained the highest number of votes.

The Chair explained the nature of the work of the Corporation and outlined the Corporations powers and responsibilities. He also explained the role of the parent member.

Mr Nur explained his reasons for choosing to stand as parent governor and explained to members the experiences of his son in college. He informed members that he had previous experience as a parent governor at a primary school.

Members believed that Mr Nur had sufficient understanding of the role and responsibilities of a parent member and decided to recommend to the Corporation that he be appointed until the end of the term in which his son leaves the college.

Minute MS/18/10 (7.06 pm)

Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at 7.07 pm. No item was to be the subject of a separate, confidential minute.