

**Minutes of the extraordinary Board meeting
held on 11th February 2011 at 4.50pm**

Present

Ms Louise Barry)	External Governors
Ms Susan Carmichael)	
Mr Tony Cearns)	
Mr Tony Cobain)	
Ms Claire Dove, MBE)	
Dr John Ritchie, MBE)	
Cllr Nick Small)	
Ms Vivienne Tyler (Chair))	
Mr David Wilson)	

In Attendance

Ms Nancy Jenkins Clerk to the Board

11.21 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr K Afford, Ms S Carthy, Ms C Crowther, Prof G Pillay and Mr S Qureshi.

11.22 Appointment of Principal

The Board were aware that the current Principal, Maureen Mellor, would retire in May 2011 and that no candidates had been selected during a first round of interviews in December 2010.

A second round of interviews had taken place earlier in the day. Three candidates had attended in the morning of whom two had been invited back for second interviews in the afternoon. The selection panel recommended Ms Elaine Bowker for appointment as Principal.

Ms Bowker was currently Strategic Director for Transformation at Manchester City Council, with previous roles in regional and local Learning and Skills Councils and further education. She was well placed to lead the college going forward, with national links and background in innovation and enterprise.

The Board agreed the appointment of Ms Elaine Bowker as Principal at a salary of £135,000. It was agreed that the Chair would agree a start date after discussion with Ms Bowker and the current Principal.

The need for confidentiality was emphasised until the appointment could be made public.

The Chair thanked the selection panel for all their hard work and the other governors for attending the Board meeting.

11.23 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 22nd March at 4.15pm.

The meeting closed at 5.00pm.