

STRATEGIC PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

28 September 2023 in room 209, Sutherland Building and via Microsoft Teams (including videolink)

UNCONFIRMED SUMMARY MINUTES

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Present: Dr S Fancey (chair), Dr B Bartoli, L Bird, Dr R Blackman-Woods, K Fawcett, S Haagensen, Professor A Long, A Parker
 Apologies: S Newitt
 Secretary: G Bailes, R Elliott (Assistant Secretary).
 In attendance: H Bower [for Student Recruitment], R Carthy [for Student Recruitment] J McKenna [for Student Recruitment], Professor T Lawson, D Monnery, C Stogden, Professor G Wynn [for SPC23/02].

MAIN ITEMS DISCUSSED/DECIDED ON AT THE MEETING

1.	<p><u>Vice-Chancellor’s Horizon Scanning</u> [Oral Report] The Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive presented on sector wide matters and the implications of these for the University. There had been continued improvement in NSS scores with Northumbria now ranked above sector average in three out of seven categories; Northumbria was now ranked in the Top 50 of all the major UK leagues tables for the first time. The University had been shortlisted in the THE awards for Outstanding Services to Students for work on supporting nurses and Knowledge Exchange/Transfer Initiative of the Year as part the Northern Accelerator. The Committee noted the update and commended the improved ranking in the Complete University Guide.</p>
2.	<p><u>Strategic Discussion Items</u> <u>University Strategy 2024-30 Update</u> [Oral Report] The Committee noted an update on the plans for the following week’s University Strategy awayday.</p> <p><u>Student Recruitment</u> [Presentation] The Committee noted an update on Student Recruitment for 2023/24 and its implications for the University.</p>
3.	<p><u>Performance Monitoring</u> <u>University Strategy 2018-24 Performance Report P12</u> [SPC23/01] The Committee noted performance of the University Strategy 2018-24 as at period 12 (July 2023), noting that the format and content of the report would be reviewed in line with the new Strategy’s approach to measuring progress and success. Performance for KPIs was four at green, two at amber and four at red, with one KPI unrated because comparative data was not yet available; 18 Business Outcomes were defined as ‘complete’, 15 were ‘on track’ and 10 had some issues that were being managed and were ‘off-track’.</p> <p><u>Student Experience and Learning Outcomes – Q4 2022/23 (including NSS and TEF)</u> [SPC23/02 and Presentation] The Committee considered an update on Student Experience and Learning Outcomes Q4 2022/23 (included NSS and TEF). There had been continued improvement for the second year in NSS scores, however, the revisions to the NSS had removed the overall satisfaction measure and other questions therefore direct mapping to previous years was not fully possible. The Committee noted the update.</p> <p><u>League Tables Summary</u> [SPC23/03] The Committee considered the League Table summary. The University was ranked in the Top 50 of all of</p>

the major UK league tables for the first time; the new Daily Mail league table had made the University its Research University of the Year and its Modern University of the Year. There had been some decline in international rankings partly attributed to the inclusion of additional institutions with the percentile position remaining stable. **The Committee noted the report and that being named both Research and Modern University of the Year by the Daily Mail highlighted the distinctiveness of the University's strategy in the sector.**

Richard Elliott
Assistant Secretary to Strategic Performance Committee
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