

BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

15 February 2022 – via Microsoft Teams (including videolink)

CONFIRMED SUMMARY MINUTES

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Present: Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods (Chair), Craig Apsey, Emma Collier, Helen Fairfoul, Katherine Fawcett, Dr Stuart Fancey, Sophie Haagensen, Peter Judge, Libby Orme, Amy Rice-Thomson, John Taylor, Helen Thorne, Professor Andrew Wathey, Simon Yellowley.

Apologies: James Bromiley, Sally Pelham, Nick Pope, Ava Sjoberg.

Secretary: Georgina Bailes, Richard Elliott (Assistant Secretary).

In attendance: Jane Embley.

MAIN ITEMS DISCUSSED/DECIDED ON AT THE MEETING

Introduction [Oral Report]

The Chair welcomed the Board to the Special Meeting to consider the appointment of the University's next Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive.

Appointment of Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive [BG21/64]

The Board of Governors considered the appointment of the next Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive on the recommendation of the Senior Postholder Appointment Committee on the endorsement of Nominations Committee. It considered interim arrangements before they took up their post on the endorsement of Nominations Committee, and their salary and terms and conditions of employment that had been approved by Remuneration Committee. Following an extensive and competitive recruitment and selection process it was proposed to appoint Professor Andrew Long as Northumbria University's fifth Vice-Chancellor; it had been agreed with Professor Long that he would take up his post on 1 August 2022. Professor Andrew Wathey would retire on 17 May 2022, and it was also proposed to appoint Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Tom Lawson, as Acting Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive for the interim period from 18 May to 31 July 2022. **The Board noted that diversity considerations had been a major priority during the recruitment process and had been actively pursued, and that gender diversity had been sustained into the final shortlist. Transition arrangements from Professor Wathey to Professor Long via Professor Lawson were being formulated. The Board extended its thanks to all those involved in the recruitment process, and approved the appointment of Professor Andrew Long as Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive, and of Professor Tom Lawson, as Acting Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive for the interim period.**

Georgina Bailes
Secretary to the Board of Governors
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