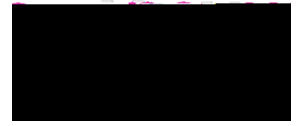




Andrew Child	Director/Member & Chair of Trust Board of Directors	Chair
Gillian Askew	Director (via Teams)	GA
Steve Booth	Director	SB
Peter Castleton	Director	PC
Mark Greenwood	Director	MG
Naveen Judah	Director	NJ
Ray Palmer	Director	RPa
Rachel Potts	Director/Vice Chair of Trust Board of Directors	RP
Sue Shelley	Director	SS
Warren Carratt	Chief Executive Officer	CEO
Joel Hardwick	Assistant CEO – Strategy & Partnerships	JH
Vicky Hawksley	Governance Clerk	VH
Karen Smith		





CEO reported that the Trust was scheduled to meet with 10 Barnsley primary schools last week but the meeting was cancelled by them. The Barnsley primaries are now looking to reschedule this for January 2023.

JH has met with N Heath, Assistant Director for Education & Skills at RMBC, to discuss the Trust taking a lease for The Rowan Centre which is currently empty. The Trust is hoping to take this on as a post-16 centre from September 2023. JH is reasonably optimistic about this option as they are keen for us to free up places at Hilltop and Kelford.

CEO

explained that HW has resigned due to increased work commitments.

CEO explained that all the Academy Councils, except one, have taken place this year and have been more focused and purposeful.

CEO stated he has not been asked for feedback at this stage but an evaluation will take place at the end of this academic year.

CEO explained that this is not an expectation or a requirement now. We no longer need link governors in safeguarding and the Terms of Reference do not refer to link governors. Academy Councils can appoint link governors but the Trust does not prescribe that they should.

The CEO

consulted with Headteachers who welcomed this change.

CEO will be chairing this Board and Terms of Reference have been created. The Board looks at areas relating to system change in areas such as, finance, HR, ICT etc. and how these link to other systems within the Trust. The purpose of the Board is to ensure that change initiatives are strategically and operationally connected. Meetings will start in January and minutes will be published on Governor Hub. AC requested to be invited to this meeting.

CEO explained that this was filmed at Hilltop by the BBC education correspondent and focussed on issues around the high needs budget and SEND provision. The CEO explained that Hilltop is a prime example of a school that has expanded with minimum capital investment. The school and its pupils are thriving despite there being insufficient space. The Headteacher was interviewed along with some students and parents and the BBC are planning a further visit in January.

CEO stated yes, we will be given the opportunity to see the footage prior to it being broadcast.

CEO advised that we do not revise the budgets at this stage and that what this report is reflecting





KS explained that the P2 budget monitoring report has been circulated with both the support staff and teachers' pay awards included. The Trust is now showing a deterioration in our forecast by around £800k. The Trust level in-year surplus is just over £1m but this includes income from Evolve. The Trust's forecast reserve is still healthy and carry forwards will be updated in the next report. The main change relates to the pay award which is mitigated by delays in recruitment and staffing changes.

We are hoping that the impact of the Minimum Funding Guarantee will have a positive impact and have assumed a 2% increase of top up from growth.

KS to action.

A. Design PowerPoint

JH explained that he is requesting Directors to delegate authority to the CEO to approve spend, details of which are included in the report, following a tender process. This was delayed because of internal and external designs. Because of this we are unable to complete the tender process and bring to the Board at this stage. We have invited two contractors to quote for this and are reasonably confident we will receive two tender returns.

CEO explained that the overall programme and contract is funded by Barnsley LA and they are comfortable with the action the Trust is taking and we are confident that the risk to Nexus is minimal.

On the Trust's website in
conjunction with Barnsley Council.

