

# Chichester College

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Buildings & Estates Committee held on Monday 8 June 2009

### Present:

Mr Patrick Green (Chairman)  
Mrs Angie Hobson (Vice Chairman)  
Mr John Goble                      Mr David Hett  
Dr Richard Parker                Miss Frances Russell

### In Attendance:

Mr David Bickle, Hawkins\Brown  
Mr Mark Clinton, Thomas Eggar  
Mrs Wendy Goacher, Head of Estates and Facilities  
Mrs Shelagh Legrave, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr Oliver Milton, Hawkins\Brown  
Mr Chris Rees, Savills  
Mr Tim Rushforth, AYH  
Mr David Smith, Clerk to the Governing Body  
Mr Chris Tremellen, Davis Langdon  
Miss Catherine Vinall, Senior Administrator

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

127. An apology for absence was received from Nick O'Brien.

### **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

128. The Chairman drew the attention of the Governors and those in attendance at the meeting to the requirement to declare any interests they might have in any of the items on the agenda, as detailed in the agenda sheet.

## MINUTES

129. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Building & Estates Committee held on 7 May 2009 were taken as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(Copy attached at APPENDIX 1 to the Minute Book copy)

### Minutes 124: 1 Mount Lane

130. David Smith stated that the revised agreement presented by Bolton Retirement Limited over the purchase of access rights to 1 Mount Lane extended the option to purchase to 2011, although this had not been discussed beforehand. David confirmed that such delay would have no impact on the College, other than to delay the receipt of funds and it was

#### Resolved

That a two year extension to 2011 option granted to Bolton Retirement Limited in respect of their option to purchase access rights to 1 Mount Lane, Chichester.

(David Bickle, Oliver Milton, Chris Rees, Tim Rushforth and Chris Tremellen and joined the meeting)

### LSC CAPITAL FUNDING POSITION

131. The Committee received for information a report by the Vice Principal (Corporate Services) on the LSC capital funding position.

(Copy attached at APPENDIX 2 to the Minute Book copy)

132. David Smith stated that following the invitation to colleges to identify capital projects ready for to start in September, the LSC had received a considerable number of positive responses. The LSC had since informed colleges that it would announce the projects that would go through to the next stage of the process by the end of June, and that the projects on the list would be subject to a further value for money exercise to ensure that the costs remained within the budget available.

133. Chris Tremellen reported that the questionnaire sent to colleges in an effort to identify projects ready to start in September had resulted in over 200 colleges responses. The LSC had subsequently carried out their own assessment and identified 35 projects to go forward. In response to a question from Patrick Green, Chris Tremellen said that the value of those

projects ranged from between £10 million and £140 million. Chris Tremellen confirmed that the LSC had approximately £1 billion available. A further evaluation of submissions would be undertaken by consultants on behalf of the LSC. Chris Tremellen said that he did not know which colleges were on the LSC shortlist of 35 colleges. Tim Rushforth said that the project team had already discussed the possible further scaling back of the project at Brinsbury. Shelagh Legrave commented that the project submitted to the LSC for Brinsbury was at £30 million already at the lower end of the scale. Chris Tremellen commented that two key factors in the assessment would be colleges that had merged as well as those with projects of a low capital cost. The College would also be in a good position to move quickly, should the Brinsbury project be shortlisted. In response to a question from John Goble, Shelagh said that there had been no indication from the LSC over the possible repayment of professional fees, although the AoC was working on a solution. Shelagh stated that loan arrangements would need to be considered as the facility with Lloyds TSB would end on 31 July. After a brief discussion it was

### Resolved

**That a special meeting of the Buildings and Estates Committee be convened if necessary if the College received confirmation that it was on the shortlist of 35 college projects being considered by the LSC before the Committees next planned meeting.**

## **CHICHESTER CAMPUS PLANNING PERMISSION**

134. Chris Rees stated that there had been a unanimous decision at the Planning Committee to defer approval of the planning application for the redevelopment of the Chichester Campus, despite the support of local authority Planning officers. The Planning Committee had been clear that approval would only be given if there was an increase in car parking on the site. The earliest Planning Committee meeting the College would be able to submit revised plans to would take place on 29 July. The alternative was to lodge an appeal against the Council's failure to resolve the matter within the statutory timescale. If the College to resubmit it would still retain the right to appeal if the resubmission was refused. Chris confirmed that the Committee had not been specific about the numbers of parking spaces they would like at the Chichester campus. Any offer to the Committee would need to include a review of the travel plan as well as an increase in parking numbers. Richard Parker suggested that the College could bring forward a well thought through proposal to a meeting with Councillors, residents and key local organisations before presenting to the Planning Committee. Shelagh Legrave reported that there had been some opposition to the colour

of the cladding on the outside of the building, but it would not be difficult to adjust that aspect of the plan. After a brief discussion it was

**Resolved**

That the Project Team meet to consider parking options and take forward to a meeting with Councillors, residents and local organisations before presenting to the Planning Committee on 29 July 2009.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

135. It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would take place on Wednesday 8 July 2009 at 4.00 pm in the Cathedral Room.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

136. Shelagh Legrave reported that planning permission for the Halls of Residence at Stockbridge Road had been deferred on the grounds of parking and student behaviour. The Planning Committee had indicated that permission might be granted for a development approximately thirty per cent smaller than the original plan.

**CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

137. It was:

**Resolved**

That in view of the confidential nature of the business to be dealt with the Minutes for the remainder of the Meeting be recorded on a confidential basis and remain so unless and until they become public in the ordinary course of the Corporation's business.