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UNIVERSITY OF KENT

MEETING OF COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2021

Present: The Chair of the Council (Dame Ursula Brennan); the Vice-Chancellor (Professor Karen Cox); the Deputy Chair of the Council (Andrew Newell); Chris Barron; Xian Chan; Daniel Cook; Michael Crick; Aisha Dosanjh; Thomas Freeston; Kim Lowe; Dr Owen Lyne; Mayuri Lakhani; Mark Malcomson; Tobi-Temple Obaremo; Timi Okuwa; Alex Perkins; Mark Preston; Professor Georgina Randsley de Moura; Professor Richard Reece.

In attendance: Chief Financial Officer (Jane Higham); Financial Improvement Director (Peter Pentecost); Director of Governance and Assurance (Secretary to Council) (Dr Sinead Critchley); PA/Secretary for Governance & Assurance (Claire Taylor).

Apologies: Colin Carmichael; Neil Davies; Gabriel MacGregor; Professor Gill Nicholls; Professor Iain Wilkinson

The meeting was held online through Microsoft Teams in recognition of the University's Future of Work guidance to mitigate the spread of Covid-19

5466 CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

No declarations of interest were raised.

5467 REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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Council **approved** and noted the Going Concern Assessment;

Council **noted** the Report of External Auditors Findings;

Council **approved** the Financial Statements and Annual Review and Letter of Representation and delegated authority to the Chair of Finance and Resources Committee, Chair of Audit Committee, Chair of Council, Chief Financial Officer and Vice Chancellor to sign the final version.

5468 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday 27 January 2022 10:00-16:00 (Strategy session)

Wednesday 23 February 2022 14:00-17:00 (preceded by optional tour 12:30-13:30)

Friday 25 March 2022 10:00-16:00

Tuesday 17 May 2022 14:00-17:00 (preceded by optional tour 12:30-13:30)

Wednesday 29 June 2022 10:00-16:00

5469 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None Raised.

Notes

1. Papers

Copies are available on the Council eboard portal (Diligent Boards) or on request from the Secretary. Approved Minutes and many of the papers are published on the University website at <https://kent.ac.uk/governance/council/index.html>.

2. Queries

Any queries should be addressed to Dr Sinead Critchley, Director of Governance and Assurance (Secretary to Council), (email: S.Critchley-2002@kent.ac.uk).

CLT 21.12.2021