

## David Taylor (Chair)

Fiona Armstrong Graham Baldwin Jon Baldwin Lis Smith Sue Ion Raham Odjegba Lesley Lloyd Anne McCarthy Lorraine Norris Ridwanah Gurjee Mike Tynan

George Charles (Chief Finance Officer)
Ruth Connor (Deputy Chief Executive)
Ken Lee (Chief People Officer)
Ian Fisher (University Secretary and General Counsel and Clerk to the Board)
Fiona Winters (Deputy Clerk to the Board)
Carolyn Johnson (Executive Officer to the Vice-Chancellor)

The Chair welcomed all present and reported that apologies for absence had been received from Mr Hext and Mrs Lowry.

nreserved Minutes of the University Board Meeting held on 30

March 2023

The Reserved and Unreserved Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

It was agreed that there were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda of the meeting.

The Vice-Chancellor presented his report, a copy of which is set out in the Minute Book.

Finally, Professor Baldwin briefly updated the Board on the current and planned industrial action, in particular, the planned marking and assessment boycott and the University's response.

That the Vice-Chancellor be thanked for his report.

The Chief Finance Officer presented a report seeking the approval of the Board to the proposal that the University enter into a contract with Havas People for the provision of media buying. A copy of the report is set out in the Minute book.

In briefly summarising the report, Mr Charles explained that the contract required Board approval because of the total value. However, the proposal had already been considered by the Resources Committee and the Committee had recommended the proposal be agreed.

That:-

- (i) the proposal to enter into a contract with Havas People as set out in the report be agreed, and
- (ii) the Deputy Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer and University Secretary and General Counsel be authorised to agree and execute the details of the contract on behalf of the University.

In the absence of Mrs Lowry, Mrs Norris briefly updated the Board on items considered by the Committee at their meeting on 17 April 2023.

Mrs Norris reported that the Committee began by thanking Mrs Lloyd for all her service to the Committee over the past seven years and welcomed Dr Smith as a new member of the Committee.

With regard to the most recent internal audits, Mrs Norris reported that substantial assurance has been given by RSM in respect of the University's arrangements to deal with allegations of Harassment and Sexual Misconduct and in respect of the arrangements for Emergency Planning. Reasonable assurance was provided following the audit of the University's Business Continuity arrangements.

The Committee had also endorsed the proposal to exempt the small subsidiary companies from the requirement to have their individual accounts audited, which was subsequently agreed by the Resources Committee.

The Committee also noted that the external auditors' performance was satisfactory against the University's agreed KPIs. The Committee also received a KPMG

Finally, the Committee agreed to review its own performance as part of the