

Council

6 December 2022

- Present:** Joanna Barker (Chair), Rebecca Askew, Jonathan Bewes, Kay Boycott, Joe Docherty, Leslie Ferrar, James Grierson, Michael Hampel, Alison Hastings, Denise Lievesley, Antony Long, Joe McGarry, Amir Michael, Cheryl Millington, Liadi Mudashiru, Karen O'Brien, Nigel Perry, Ari, Sadanandom, Corinne Saunders, Terry Toney and Jun Jie Wu.
- In Attendance:** Richard Crisp, Laura Curran, Amanda Wilcox, Stephen Willis and Kelly Knapp (Minutes)
Tony Fawcett (Minutes 36 and 37); Debbie Watson and Katy Doherty from Grant Thornton (Minute 41); and Colin Bain, David Loudon and John Pritchard (Minute No 48)
- Apologies:** Colin Macpherson

Minutes of a Meeting of Council held in the
Lindisfarne Centre, St Aidan's College and Zoom**28. Welcome and Thanks****Noted:**

- a) the Chair had joined the meeting via Zoom and the Vice Chair would serve as Chair for the meeting;
- b) the Chair welcomed Richard Crisp, incoming Interim Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost, and Laura Curran, DSU Welfare and Liberation Officer, to their first meeting of Council;
- c) the Chair thanked Antony Long for his many years of service to the University and Council and wished him a long and happy retirement.

29. Declarations of Interests in relation to Agenda Items

Noted: the University Secretary declared an interest with regard to Minute 44.

30. Minutes of Meeting held on 25 October 2022 (C/22/30 Confidential)

Approved: the minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2022, subject to amendment to reflect that Kay Boycott and Terry Toney were in attendance.

31. Matters Arising

Noted: there were no matters arising.

32. Action Log and Schedule of Business (C/22/31 and C/22/32 Confidential)

Noted: the status of the Action Log and Schedule of Business.

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would pin from University of Central Lancashire and report to the Chief Financial Officer;

- c) recruitment efforts were concluding for three new Heads of Colleges would pin the University at the beginning of the 2023/24 academic year;
- d) discussions with the University and College Un(UCU) regarding the next pay round would begin in December, which was earlier than planned, and should help minimise

further industrial action in the short term. There had been immaterial impact to students as a result of

e) the University advocated nationally for additional student loans and grants as well as locally for Durham County Council (DCC) to collaborate with the University to help address the issues of quality and affordability;

i. available information on private rental accommodation in Durham was flawed in that certain smaller properties were not registered as student accommodation and thereby distorted supply figures;

ii. the pandemic saw a decrease in availability of these non-registered properties as landlords shifted them from

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Grant Thornton from Council; and Finance Committee had reviewed the OfS Financial Return Workbook

