



MINUTES

*of a meeting of the College Council in the Harrison Room
at 1.10 pm on Tuesday 11 July 2023*

There were present the Master, Ms MacDonald, Mr Matheson, Mr Nicholson, Dr O'Donnell, Dr O'Sullivan, Ms Phillips, Dr Reinbold, Dr Sewell and Dr V. Young. Dr Woodford was in attendance as secretary.

UNRESERVED BUSINESS

cc2023.149 Starred Items

Council confirmed that starred items should not be discussed.

cc2023.150 Statement of Conflicts of Interest

It was confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest arising from the Unreserved Agenda concerning any of those persons present.

cc2023.151 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Dr Bardhan, Dr Beauregard, the JCR President, Ms Elina Smith, the JCR Treasurer, Mr Ben Harper, and the MCR President, Mr Joel Kandiah.

cc2023.152 Minutes of the Unreserved Council meeting held on 13 June 2023

The minutes were received and signed.

cc2023.153 Matters arising

i. 73 Compton Street (cc2023/028)

The Bursar reported on the successful sale of 73 Compton Street for the sum of £1.075m. Council expressed warm thanks to Dr Chris Dobson (SE 1957) for his support of the College.

cc2023.154 Review of Headline Risks

Council reviewed the updated register of headline risks (**CP2023/065**). There was no fundamental change. The Bursar noted the progress made to mitigate risk, notably the five-year forward outlook on the long-term College income and expenditure levels, and the development of a Sustainability policy. Council noted the measures in place to increase IT security.

- cc2023.155 *District heating scheme*
The Bursar reported on an approach from the City Council/University feasibility study team on a district heating scheme, exploring the possibility of ground source heating for a cluster to include the University Library, the Sidgwick Site and local colleges. The scheme is in its early stages of planning for energy provision in the late 2020s and early 2030s. Council expressed support for pursuing further the possibility of using College land for the generation of heating, and noted that the University and the City Council were exploring public funding options for the capital costs.
- cc2023.156 *Gardens Committee*
The minutes of a meeting of the Gardens Committee held on 16 June 2023 were received and noted (CP2023/066). Council noted the efforts of the gardeners to make good the damage of last year's difficult weather. Concern was expressed about the Fellows' garden in relation to the loss of hedging to screen the compost bins.
- cc2023.157 *Sustainability Working Group*
The minutes of the meeting of the Sustainability Working Group held on 15 June 2023 were received and noted (CP2023/067).
- cc2023.158 *Accommodation Committee*
The minutes of the meeting of the Accommodation Committee held on 14 June 2023 were received and noted (CP2023/068).
- cc2023.159 *Scholarships and Prizes – Marking & Assessment Boycott*
Council agreed to the Senior Tutor's proposal for a two-phase process of seeking nominations for Scholarships, which would enable Council to award scholarships and Tripos Prizes at its meeting on 19 September 2023 in those subjects where full marks are available (CP2023/070). The Scholars' dinner would be postponed to 7 February 2024.
- cc2023.160 *Snowball*
Council received a report from the Snowball Presidents (CP2023/071). The Senior Tutor and the Vice Master noted that they were impressed with the progress made by the Snowball committee.
- cc2023.161 *College Plaques*
The Secretary updated Council on the progress of College plaques and Council expressed a wish that the first set of plaques be ready in the autumn.
- cc2023.162 *Any Other Unreserved Business*
- i. The Master reported on plans for the Vice Chancellor, Professor Deborah Prentice, to host dialogues on controversial topics in the coming year in the Quarry Whitehouse Auditorium, which would be organised by the University.
 - ii. Council agreed that the Operations Manager and the Bursar should take forward plans to improve the acoustics in the Harrison Room.

