



Nexus Board of Directors
Wednesday 29th July 2020 5 - 7.30pm
via MS Teams

Attendees:		
Andrew Child	Director / Member & Chair of Trust Board of Directors	Chair
Steve Booth	Director	SB
Peter Castleton	Director	PC
John Coleman	Director	JC
Nick Hodge	Director	NH
Sue Shelley	Director	SS
Also Present:		
Warren Carratt	Chief Executive Officer	CEO
Catherine Sands	Chief Finance Officer	CFO
Emma Sheedy	Clerk	Clerk
Apologies:		
Gill Askew	Director	GA
Naveen Judah	Director	NJ
Ray Palmer	Director	RPa
Rachel Potts	Director /Vice Chair of Trust Board of Directors	RP
No Apologies:		
Helen Bellinger	Director	HB

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	ACTIONS
<p>1.1 Welcome & receive apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were received from GA, NJ, RPa and RP.</p> <p>No apologies were received from HB.</p>	
<p>1.2 To accept apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were accepted from GA, NJ, RPa and RP.</p>	
2. ITEMS OF AOB	
<p>2.1. Chair to determine any items of urgent business to be considered.</p> <p>2.1.1. Becton 8% Funding Lift</p> <p>2.1.2. AFH Changes Sept 2020 – Approval to rename Audit & Finance to Audit & Risk Committee</p>	
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
<p>3.1. Individual Directors to declare any personal, business/governance interests on any item on the agenda</p> <p>PC declared his interest in agenda item 9 – Re-appointment of Director – Peter Castleton.</p>	
4. TRUST BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES	
<p>4.1. To approve the minutes of the following meeting:</p> <p>The minutes of the virtual Board Meeting held on 24th June 2020 were reviewed and agreed.</p> <p>SS queried if the Trust were in receipt of the full Government guidance for September onwards and the CEO advised this was released middle July, which included specific guidance for AGP's but further input will be required from local school nursing teams. CEO stated this was subject to change, as it has been throughout.</p> <p>SS queried developments with the Dinnington College site and the CEO advised he had further queried this with the DfE and provided an update. JC further queried if/how Dinnington College may be impacted following the DfE SEND Review paperwork and the CEO advised he would review and provide an in-depth review.</p> <p>ACTION: CEO to review the DfE SEND Review paperwork and advise of any impact regarding Dinnington College.</p>	<p>CEO 21/10/20</p>
<p>4.2. Review of Action Tracker</p> <p>The outstanding actions on the tracker were reviewed and updated.</p>	
<p>4.3. Matters arising from the Minutes</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	

<p>5. TRUST BUDGET 2020/21 FOR APPROVAL</p>	
<p>The CEO provided an extensive overview of the Trust Budget 2020/21 and the budget setting report.</p> <p>All Directors in attendance agreed with recommendation 1.1.1. and approved the proposed transfer from the central Trust budget to the MAT cash reserve.</p> <p>SS and PC requested further discussion regarding recommendation 1.1.2. which the CEO provided. AC queried if the education at newly opened academies (free schools) would be equal or better in comparison to the Trust's other academies and the CEO provided his hypothesis. All Directors in attendance agreed with recommendation 1.1.2. and approved for newly opened academies (free schools) to have an enhanced partnership fee of 8% for the first 3 years of opening, to contribute to the MAT cash reserve.</p> <p>SB requested more information regarding the 5% partnership fee, which the CFO provided. SB queried outgoings for each academy and the CFO advised this is shown as EX-GOV or Other income. SB queried the academies with marginal surplus' and if reserves would be used and the CFO explained how this would be dealt with. All Directors in attendance agreed with recommendation 1.1.3. and approved the Nexus MAT Budget for 2020/21, as per appendix A.</p> <p>The CFO advised the consolidated c/f figure had further increased due to Becton's c/f. Directors in attendance agreed with recommendation 1.1.4. and commissioned the CFO to upload the Trust budget on the ESFA portal before the deadline of 29 September 2020.</p>	
<p>6. JUNE MONTHLY MONITORING</p>	
<p>The CFO provided an overview of the financial headlines.</p> <p>JC queried if the % was 10.5 or 11.58 and the CFO provided an explanation. JC further queried if the Trust are spending sufficient monies on pupils and the CEO assured Directors that academies were, and provided an explanation. JC queried the plan for monies not spent and the CEO advised of each academies individual circumstances and plans going forward.</p> <p>[CFO left the meeting at 17:39]</p>	
<p>7. SAFEGUARDING ASSURANCE STATEMENT</p>	
<p>The CEO and PC provided an overview of the Safeguarding Assurance Statement, which all Directors in attendance unanimously approved. Directors extended thanks to PC for his very reassuring report.</p>	
<p>8. FORMAT OF FUTURE MEETINGS</p>	
<p>The Chair asked Directors for suggestions regarding the format of meetings going forward and outlined his personal preference, which was to continue virtually.</p> <p>The CEO shared with Directors that all of the Nexus workforce from September would be returning to regular working conditions and facemasks/PPE will not be routinely worn, in line with Government guidance. There was a lengthy discussion and it was agreed to</p>	

<p>move to a model from September of having blended Board Meetings, with some Directors happy to attend in person and others dialling in. It was agreed for the CEO to commission the Clerks to survey LGB Chairs regarding resuming face to face meetings. ACTION: CEO to arrange for the Clerks to survey LGB Chairs regarding face to face meetings.</p>	<p>CEO 23/09/20</p>
<p>9. RE-APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR – PETER CASTLETON</p>	
<p>All Directors in attendance unanimously agreed with the re-appointment of PC as a Director.</p>	
<p>10. DIRECTORS STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT SESSION – 23 SEPT 2020</p>	
<p>The Chair provided an overview of the proposed Directors’ Strategic Development Session, which is planned for 23 September 2020 from lunch at Aston Hall Hotel. The CEO explained that this would replace the Board meeting scheduled from 1700 – 1930 on the same day. SS advised that she may need to join virtually and NH advised of his personal circumstances so he may/may not be able to attend.</p>	
<p>11. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS</p>	
<p>11.1. Becton 8% Funding Lift</p> <p>The CEO provided context regarding Becton’s funding situation and an update further to the e-mail sent to Sheffield City Council. The CEO sought approval to write to the Secretary of State to adjudicate on the matter. Following lengthy discussion/challenge all Directors in attendance agreed for due process to reviewed and for AC to write to the Cabinet Member at Sheffield City Council. ACTION: CEO/AC to review due process with regards Becton 8% Funding Lift and write to the Cabinet Member.</p> <p>11.2. AFH Changes Sept 2020 – Approval to rename Audit & Finance to Audit & Risk Committee</p> <p>The CEO provided an overview of the AFH Changes from September 2020 and all Directors in attendance agreed that the Committee should be re-named Audit & Risk Committee.</p> <p>11.3. JC shared information regarding the most recent Free School application round and outcomes.</p> <p>11.4. The CEO outlined the Academies Accounts Direction.</p>	<p>CEO 23/09/20</p>
<p>12. REVIEW OF RISK</p>	
<p>To consider any new risks identified during the meeting for referral to Trust Committees.</p> <p>There were no items deemed as a risk.</p>	
<p>13. CONFIDENTIALITY</p>	
<p>To consider the confidentiality of any items discussed during the meeting.</p> <p>There were no items deemed confidential.</p>	

14. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS		
Directors Strategic Development Session Wednesday 23rd September 2020	TBC	Aston Hall Hotel, Sheffield
Wednesday 21st October 2020	17:00 – 19:30	Nexus Headquarters
Wednesday 25th November 2020	17:00 – 19:30	Nexus Headquarters
Wednesday 16th December 2020	17:00 – 19:30	Nexus Headquarters
Members AGM Monday 18th January 2021	17:30 – 19:00	Nexus Headquarters
Wednesday 27th January 2021	17:00 – 19:30	Nexus Headquarters
Wednesday 24th February 2021	17:00 – 19:30	Nexus Headquarters
Wednesday 24th March 2021	17:00 – 19:30	Nexus Headquarters
Wednesday 28th April 2021	17:00 – 19:30	Nexus Headquarters
Wednesday 19th May 2021	17:00 – 19:30	Nexus Headquarters
Wednesday 23rd June 2021	17:00 – 19:30	Nexus Headquarters
Leadership Summit Tuesday 29th June 2021	16:00 – 19:00	Crags Community School, Maltby
Wednesday 28th July 2021	17:00 – 19:30	Nexus Headquarters

Minutes approved

CHAIR	SIGNATURE	DATE