

TRAFFORD COLLEGE

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CORPORATION MEMBERS

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College Code of Conduct for Corporation Members

1 Introduction

1.1 This Code is intended as a guide, to indicate the standards of conduct and accountability which are expected of Corporation members, to enable them to understand their legal and ethical duties and to assist them both in carrying out those duties and in their relationship with the Corporation and Principal as the Chief Executive. This Code therefore is aimed at promoting effective, well informed and accountable college governance, and is not intended to be a definitive or authoritative statement of the law or good practice.

1.2 In addition to this Code, Corporation members are recommended to familiarise themselves with the following:

1.2.1 the College's Instrument of Government;

1.2.2 the College's Articles of Government;

1.2.3 the Financial Memorandum entered into by the College with the Council;

1.2.4 the College's Mission Statement and corporate objectives;

1.2.5 the College's Development Plan;

1.2.6 the strategic plan of the College's Local Council;

1.2.7 the principles laid down by the Committee on Standards in Public Life (Nolan Committee) for those holding public office, namely:-

- Selflessness
- Integrity
- Objectivity
- Accountability
- Openness
- Honesty
- Leadership

An extract of the report of the Nolan Committee setting out these Principles in more detail is set out at Appendix 1.

1.2.8 'The College Governor' issued by the Council as an advisory document or its equivalent; and

- 1.2.9 'The Governor Training Materials' issued by the Council as advisory documents or their equivalent.

Appendices 1 (the Seven Principles of Public Life), 2 (Six Core Principles of Good Governance), 3 (Responsibilities of Corporation members), 4 (Responsibilities of the Principal), 5 (Financial Memorandum of the Council) and 6 (Powers of the Corporation) are attached to this Code for reference. They should not be read as an exhaustive statement of duties, powers or provisions, and Corporation members should refer to the source documents listed above. If a Corporation member is in doubt about the provisions of this Code or any of the source documents, the Clerk of the Corporation should be consulted and, if necessary, professional advice should be obtained. However, ultimate responsibility for the appropriateness of conduct as a Corporation member of the College and for any act or omission in that capacity rests with the individual Corporation member.

- 1.3 This Code applies to every committee or working party of the Corporation and to every subsidiary company or joint venture of the College to which Corporation members may be appointed.
- 1.4 By accepting the appointment to the Corporation, each Corporation member agrees to accept the provisions of this Code.

2 Interpretation

- 2.1 'College' means this College.
- 2.2 'College Mission Statement' means the statement set out at paragraph 3.1 of this Code or such other mission statement as may be agreed by the Corporation from time to time.
- 2.3 'Agency' means the Skills Funding Agency or any successor body.
- 2.4 'Corporation' means the further education corporation which was established for the purpose of conducting the College.
- 2.5 'Corporation member', 'Chair', 'Principal' and 'Clerk of the Corporation' means respectively the Member of the Corporation of the College, the Chairperson of the Corporation, the Principal of the College and the Clerk of the Corporation of the Corporation.
- 2.6 'DBIS' means the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.
- 2.7 'EFA' means the Education Funding Agency or any successor body.
- 2.8 'Foundation Code' means the English Colleges' Foundation Code issued by the Association of Colleges in November 2011.
- 2.9 All other definitions have the same meanings as given in the College's Instrument and Articles of Government.
- 2.10 Words importing one gender import any gender.

3 Vision, Aims and Values

3.1 Vision

“Achieving Excellence in Learner Attainment”

Aims

“To provide individuals with the opportunity to achieve in a supportive and inspirational environment.”

Values

Trafford College believes we can achieve excellence in learner attainment by:-

- Operating with complete integrity, honesty and respect
- Working collaboratively with an open communication and mutual trust
- Recognising the needs, efforts and achievements of everyone
- Promoting an environment of continuous improvement that strives for excellence.

3.2 The College Mission Statement together with the Corporate Objectives of the College agreed by the Corporation from time to time seek to encapsulate the core purposes and aims of the College. Corporation members should have due regard to these purposes and aims when conducting the business of the Corporation and considering the activities and proposed activities of the College.

3.3 The Corporation recognises its obligations to all those with whom it and/or the College have dealings, including student, employees, suppliers, other education institutions and the wider community. In particular, the Corporation is committed to:-

- Having close regard to the voice of the learner;
- Combating any discrimination within the College on the grounds of the characteristics protected by the Equality Act 2010;
- Upholding the principles set out in the College’s Charter, copies of which are available from the Clerk; and
- Engaging with the community which the College serves in order to understand and meet its needs (in accordance with the College’s community/local engagement policy)

3.4 The Corporation is also committed to ensuring that it conducts its business in accordance with the highest ethical standards as set out in more detail in this Code.

4 Duties

- 4.1 Corporation members owe a fiduciary duty to the College. This means that they should show it the highest loyalty and act in good faith in its best interests. Each Corporation member should act honestly, diligently and (subject to the provisions appearing in paragraph 10 of this Code relating to collective responsibility) independently. The actions of Corporation members should promote and protect the good reputation of the College and the trust and confidence of those with whom it deals.
- 4.2 Decisions taken by Corporation members at meetings of the Corporation and its Committees must not be for any improper purpose or personal motive. Decisions taken must always be for the benefit of the College, its students and staff and other users of the College and must be taken with a view to safeguarding public funds. Accordingly, Corporation members must not be bound in their speaking and voting by mandates given to them by other bodies or persons.
- 4.3 Corporation members must observe the provisions of the College's Instrument and Articles of Government and in particular the responsibilities given to the Corporation by the College's Articles of Government. Those responsibilities, including a list of "reserved" responsibilities which are so important that they must not be delegated, are set out in Appendix 3.
- 4.4 Corporation members should comply with standing orders to ensure that the Corporation conducts itself in an orderly, fair, open and transparent manner and must keep those standing orders under periodic review.
- 4.5 Corporation members should also have regard to the different, but complementary, responsibilities given to the Principal as the College's Chief Executive. Whereas it is the Corporation's function to decide strategy policy and overall direction and to monitor the performance of the Principal and any other senior postholders, it is the Principal's role to implement the Corporation's decisions, and to manage the College's affairs within the budgets and framework fixed by the Corporation. Corporation members should work together so that the Corporation and the Chief Executive perform their respective roles effectively.
- 4.6 Corporation members should refer to the Clerk of the Corporation of the Corporation for advice relating to the governance functions and have regard to the Clerk of the Corporation of the Corporation's independent advisory role.

5 Statutory Accountability

- 5.1 Corporation members are collectively responsible for observing the duties set out in the Financial Memorandum which the College has entered into with the Agency as a condition of receiving public funds. A summary of some of the more important requirements of the Financial Memorandum is set out in Appendix 5.
- 5.2 Although the Agency is the main provider of funds to the College, Corporation members should note that they are also responsible for the proper use of income derived from other sources, such as the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) and the European Union (EU) and for the control and monitoring of expenditure of such income, in order to meet the requirements of the relevant funding body and public audit.

5.3 As accounting officer for the Agency, its Chief Executive is directly responsible and accountable to Parliament for ensuring that the uses to which the Agency puts its funds are consistent with the purposes for which the funds were given and comply with the conditions attached to them. The Principal, as accounting officer for the College, is also directly responsible and accountable to Parliament, through the Committee of Public Accounts, for the effective stewardship by the College of public funds. The Principal may be required to appear before the Committee of Public Accounts, alongside the Chief Executive of the Skills Funding Agency, to give an account of the use made by the College of such funds. The Corporation is accountable to Parliament for ensuring the financial health of the College, and to the Courts for ensuring that the College is conducted in accordance with the Education Acts and the general law.

6 Public Service Values

Public service values are at the heart of the further education service. High standards of personal and corporate conduct, based on the principles set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of this Code, and the recognition that students and other users of the College's services come first, are a requirement of being a Corporation member, and should underpin all decisions taken by the Corporation.

7 Skill, Care and Diligence

A Corporation member should in all his or her work for the College exercise such skill as he or she possesses and such care and diligence as would be expected from a reasonable person in the circumstances. This will be particularly relevant when Corporation members act as agents of the College, for example, when functions are delegated to a committee of the Corporation or to the Chair. Corporation members should be careful to act within the terms of reference of any committees on which they serve.

8 Powers

Corporation members are responsible for taking decisions which are within the powers given to the Corporation by Parliament under sections 18 and 19 of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 as amended by the Learning and Skills Act 2000. A summary of those powers is set out in Appendix 6. If a Corporation member thinks that the Corporation is likely to exceed its powers by taking a particular decision, he or she should immediately refer the matter to the Clerk of the Corporation for advice.

9 Conflicts of Interest

9.1 Like other persons who owe a fiduciary duty, Corporation members should seek to avoid putting themselves in a position where there is a conflict (actual or potential) between their personal interests and their duties to the Corporation. They should not allow any conflict of interest to arise which might interfere with the exercise of their independent judgement.

9.2 Corporation members are reminded that under the College's Instrument of Government they must not take or hold any interest in any of the College's properties or receive any remuneration for their services (save as a member of the College's staff) without the written approval of the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills.

9.3 Corporation members are reminded that under the College's Instrument of Government and the general law they must disclose to the Corporation any direct or indirect financial interest they have, or may have, in the supply of work or goods to or for the purpose of the College, or in any contract or proposed contract concerning the College, or in any other matter relating to the College or any other interest of a description specified by the Corporation in any matter relating to the College, or any duty which is material and which conflicts or may conflict with the interests of the Corporation.

9.4 If an interest of any kind (including an interest of a spouse or partner of a Corporation member or of a close relative of the Corporation member or his or her partner or spouse) is likely or would, if publicly known, be perceived as being likely to interfere with the exercise of a Corporation member's independent judgement, then the interest, financial or otherwise, should:

9.4.1 be reported to the Clerk of the Corporation; and

9.4.2 be fully disclosed to the Corporation before the matter giving rise to the interest is considered.

Corporation members should withdraw from that part of the meeting at which the matter giving rise to the interest is considered, and on no account may vote in relation to the matter.

9.5 For the purposes of clause 9.4 "close relative" includes but is not limited to a father, mother, brother, sister, child, grandchild and stepfather / mother / brother / sister / child.

9.6 Corporation members must not receive gifts, hospitality or benefits of any kind from a third party which might be seen to compromise their personal judgement or integrity. Any offer or receipt of such gifts, hospitality or benefits should immediately be reported to the Clerk of the Corporation.

9.7 The Clerk of the Corporation will maintain a Register of Corporation Members' Interests which will be open for public inspection. Corporation members must disclose routinely to the Corporation all business interests, financial or otherwise, which they may have, and the Clerk of the Corporation will enter such interests on the Register. Corporation members must give sufficient details to allow the nature of the interests to be understood by enquirers. Corporation members should inform the Clerk of the Corporation whenever their circumstances change and interests are acquired or lost. In deciding whether an interest should be disclosed, Corporation members should have regard to the meaning given to "interest" in paragraphs 9.4 and 9.5 of this Code.

10 **Collective Responsibility**

10.1 The Corporation operates by Corporation members taking majority decisions in a corporate manner at quorate meetings. Therefore, a decision of the Corporation, even when it is not unanimous, is a decision taken by the Corporation members collectively and each individual Corporation member has a duty to stand by it, whether or not he or she was present at the meeting of the Corporation when the decision was taken.

10.2 If a Corporation member disagrees with a decision taken by the Corporation, his or her first duty is to have any disagreement discussed and minuted. If the Corporation member strongly disagrees, he or she should consult the Chair and, if necessary, then raise the matter with the Corporation when it next meets. If no meeting is scheduled, the Corporation member should refer to the power of the Chair or any five Corporation members under the College's Instrument of Government to call a special meeting and, if appropriate, exercise it, requesting the Clerk of the Corporation to circulate the Corporation member's views in advance to the other Corporation members. Alternatively, as a final resort, the Corporation member may decide to offer his or her resignation from office, after consulting the Chair.

11 Openness and Confidentiality

11.1 Because of the Corporation's public accountability and the importance of conducting its business openly and transparently, Corporation members should ensure that, as a general principle, students and staff of the College have free access to information about the proceedings of the Corporation. Accordingly, agendas, minutes and other papers relating to meetings of the Corporation are normally available for public inspection when they have been approved for publication by the Chair.

11.2 There will be occasions when the record of discussions and decisions will not be made available for public inspection; for example, when the Corporation considers sensitive issues or named individuals and for other good reasons. Such excluded items will be kept in a confidential folder by the Clerk of the Corporation, and will be circulated in confidence to Corporation members. Some confidential items are likely to be of a sensitive nature for a certain period of time only (for example information relating to a proposed commercial transaction or collaboration with another institution). The Corporation should specify how long such items should be treated as confidential or, if this is not possible, such items should be reviewed from time to time to consider whether the confidential status should be removed and the item made available for public inspection. When considering such issues the Board of the Corporation must consider the publication scheme issued under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

11.3 However, staff and student Corporation members have no right of access to minutes dealing with matters in respect of which they are required to withdraw from meetings under the College's Instrument of Government.

11.4 It is important that the Corporation and its committees have full and frank discussions in order to take decisions collectively. To do so, there must be trust between Corporation members with a shared corporate responsibility for decisions. Corporation members should keep confidential any matter which, by reason of its nature, the Chair or members of any committee of the Corporation are satisfied should be dealt with on a confidential basis.

11.5 Corporation members should not make statements to the press or media or at any public meeting relating to the proceedings of the Corporation or its committees without first having obtained the approval of the Chair or, in his or her absence, the Vice Chair. It is unethical for Corporation members publicly to criticise, canvass or reveal the views of other Corporation members which have been expressed at meetings of the Corporation or its committees.

12 Complaints

12.1 In order to ensure that the affairs of the College are conducted in an open and transparent manner and that the College is accountable for its use of public funds but also to its employees, its students and the community it serves, it is important for there to be appropriate complaints procedures in place and for these to be well publicised. Corporation members are reminded of their specific responsibility under the Articles of Government to make rules specifying the procedures in accordance with which employees may seek redress of any grievances relating to their employment, of the importance of having formal complaints procedures in place to handle issues raised by students, former students and third parties and of the legal requirement to have a whistle blowing procedure in place.

12.2 Under the Charter for Further Education, students, employees and other third parties have a right to make a complaint to the Agency in respect of the College or of any of its decisions. Corporation members in particular are reminded that under the Agency's Procedure for dealing with complaints about Providers of Education and Training (April 2010) the Agency:

- *must* investigate all allegations of irregularity (unlawful or unethical conduct, financial malpractice, equality and diversity issues and health and safety risks to staff, learners or the public;
- *can* investigate quality or management of learning provision, undue delay or non-compliance with published procedures, poor administration by the Provider, equality and diversity issues (except where there is a more appropriate mechanism for dealing with the matter through the court or tribunals or other organisations), health and safety concerns and complaints made by learners following HE courses in FE colleges.

13 Attendance at Meetings

Members of the Governing Body are expected to attend as many meetings of the Board of the Corporation and its Committees in order that they can perform their role as a Member of the Governing Body as effectively as possible.

An overall attendance target for Board of the Corporation and Committee meetings will be 75%, with a minimum level of attendance of 60% each academic year being required for each member of the Governing Body. If for any reason a Member does not secure the minimum level of attendance, then the Chairperson of the Corporation will informally raise the issue with them.

Individual Governor attendance patterns will be reported to the Governor undertaking the annual Governor reviews with a view to discussing the outcomes at the individual Governor review meeting.

14 Governance Development

14.1 Corporation members must obtain a thorough grounding in their duties and responsibilities by participating in the College's governance induction and training programmes, including regular refresher workshops.

- 14.2 In order to promote more effective governance, Corporation members will carry out an annual review of the performance by the Corporation of its duties and responsibilities, as part of a continuing and critical process of self-evaluation.
- 14.3 The Corporation shall seek to ensure that all Corporation members are appointed on merit, in accordance with an open selection procedure carried out by the Corporation's Search Committee, and are drawn widely from the community which the College serves. The Corporation should have regard to the provisions relating to the membership of the Corporation in the College's Instrument of Government, the need to combat discrimination and to promote equality, and the need to make available a range of necessary skills and experience to ensure that the Corporation carries out its functions under the College's Articles of Government.

APPENDIX 1

The Seven Principles of Public Life

The following is an extract from the Second Report of the Nolan Committee on Standards in Public Life, May 1996

Selflessness

Holders of public office should take decisions solely in terms of the public interest. They should not do so in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends.

Integrity

Holders of public office should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might influence them in the performance of their official duties.

Objectivity

In carrying out public business, including making public appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, holders of public office should make choices on merit.

Accountability

Holders of public office are accountable for their decisions and actions to the public and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office.

Openness

Holders of public office should be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions that they take. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.

Honesty

Holders of public office have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their public duties and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.

Leadership

Holders of public office should promote and support these principles by leadership and example.

APPENDIX 2

Six Core Principles of Good Governance

The following is an extract from the Good Governance Standard for Public Services published by the Independent Commission on Good Governance in Public Services, January 2005.

- 1 Good governance means focusing on the organisation's purposes and on outcomes for citizens and service users**
 - 1.1 Being clear about the organisation's purposes and its intended outcomes for citizens and service users;
 - 1.2 Making sure users receive a high quality service;
 - 1.3 Making sure taxpayers receive value for money.
- 2 Good governance means performing effectively in clearly defined functions and roles**
 - 2.1 Being clear about the functions of the governing body;
 - 2.2 Being clear about the responsibilities of the non-executives and the executive, and making sure that those responsibilities are carried out;
 - 2.3 Being clear about relationships between the governors and the public.
- 3 Good governance means promoting values for the whole organisation and demonstrating the values of good governance through behaviour**
 - 3.1 Putting organisational values into practice;
 - 3.2 Individual governors behaving in ways that uphold and exemplify effective governance.
- 4 Good governance means taking informed, transparent decisions and managing risk**
 - 4.1 Being rigorous and transparent about how decisions are taken;
 - 4.2 Having and using good quality information, advice and support;
 - 4.3 Making sure that an effective risk management system is in operation.
- 5 Good governance means developing the capacity and capability of the governing body to be effective**
 - 5.1 Making sure that appointed and elected governors have the skills, knowledge and experience they need to perform well;
 - 5.2 Developing the capability of people with governance responsibilities and evaluating their performance, as individuals and as a group;

5.3 Striking a balance, in the membership of the governing body, between continuity and renewal.

6 Good governance means engaging stakeholders and making accountability real

6.1 Understanding formal and informal accountability relationships;

6.2 Taking an active and planned approach to dialogue with accountability to the public;

6.3 Taking an active and planned approach to responsibility to staff;

6.4 Engaging effectively with institutional stakeholders.

APPENDIX 3

Summary of Main Provisions of the Financial Memorandum of the Agency

Purposes

The SFA Financial Memorandum was issued in March 2012 and replaced the document issued by the LSC in 2006. It took effect from 1 April 2012 and is to be reviewed on or before 31 July 2013.

Part 1 sets out the general conditions of funding and Part 2 the particular conditions applicable to individual colleges' annual allocation.

Definitions

It should be noted that references to funds include funds provided by HEFCE as well as those provided by the SFA.

Statutory Framework

The conditions set out in the financial memorandum are intended to enable the Chief Executive of Skills Funding to carry out his functions under the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (ASCLA). Note that ASCLA gives these functions to the holder of this post rather than to the SFA itself. The SFA has no separate legal status and will in due course become an agency of the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (DBIS). The Chief Executive of Skills Funding (the "Chief Executive") has responsibilities as accounting officer to his or her department for ensuring that the use of funds which he/she receives from the Secretary of State is consistent with his/her statutory remit and any conditions imposed by the Secretary of State.

Responsibilities of a Governing Body

The financial memorandum recognises that a corporation is an independent body responsible for managing the College and ensuring its financial viability. However, the Corporation must inform the Chief Executive of any transaction that could jeopardise the College's financial viability and must also be able to demonstrate that all transactions achieve value for money for funds provided under the financial memorandum.

The governing body must appoint an accounting officer (expected to be the chief executive/principal of the College). There must be an accounting officer in place at all the times and the SFA must be informed of the accounting officer's name and position and who will discharge their various responsibilities if they are absent from the College for an extended period.

The accounting officer takes personal responsibility, which is not delegable, to ensure compliance with the financial memorandum and conditions of funding. The accounting officer may be required to appear before the Public Accounts Committee on matters relating to the corporation's use of funds.

The accounting officer must advise the governing body if at any time in his/her opinion any action under consideration by the governing body is incompatible with the financial memorandum. If the governing body resolves to continue with such action the accounting officer must inform the Chief Executive.

Allocation of Funds

The Chief Executive will allocate funds to the corporation annually provided that he/she is satisfied that the corporation is financially viable and able to deliver education of a reasonable quality meeting the needs of learners and employers and the corporation has met the previous year's conditions of funding. The corporation is free to spend its funding as it sees fit provided it fulfils the conditions of funding but funds must not be used to deliver provision in respect of which the corporation has already received other funding, public or otherwise, unless agreed by the Chief Executive.

Capital Transactions

The corporation must manager its property with regard to good practice guidance in the FE section. It is no longer necessary to obtain approval of the Chief Executive to the disposal of land or buildings which had been acquired or developed with the help of capital grants from the SFA or previous associated bodies, but the Chief Executive must be notified in writing of such transactions and reserves the right to require repayment of some or all of the associated grant.

Financial Reporting

The Chief Executive specifies the information to be contained in the corporation's financial statements. Audited financial statements must be provided to the Chief Executive within five months of the corporation's year end. The corporation must have an effective policy on risk management. The corporation must notify the Chief Executive in writing if at any time there is a risk to the College's solvency and viability.

Audit

The corporation must appoint an audit committee and arrange to provide internal and financial statements audit, including regularity audit, in accordance with the Joint Audit Code of Practice.

The corporation must investigate and report to the Chief Executive all significant cases of fraud or suspected fraud.

Payment to Employees on Termination of Employment

The corporation must only make payments to employees on the termination of their employment for the purpose of meeting contractual obligations. Payments must be demonstrated to be regular, secure value for money and avoid spending funds on settlements where disciplinary action would have been more appropriate. Where employment claims are brought by a senior post holder it should take appropriate professional advice on any proposed settlement and the terms of the final agreement should be agreed by the governing body and brought to the attention of the financial statements auditors. (It is these provisions which are expected to be clarified in the next version of the financial memorandum).

Provision of Information

The Chief Executive reserves the right to request information from the corporation in order to exercise his/her responsibilities. The corporation must inform the Chief Executive in writing of the vacating or filling of the positions of Chair of the governing body, Principal or Clerk.

Additional Conditions of Funding

The Chief Executive reserves the right to impose additional conditions where he/she considers it necessary to secure the delivery of education and training of a reasonable quality or to require the corporation to address concerns about its financial viability.

Repayment of Funds

In the case of a breach of the conditions of funding the Chief Executive reserves the right to require repayment of all or part of the funds.

Interpretation

Nothing in the financial memorandum shall require the corporation to act in a manner which would cause the corporation to cease to be a charity.

APPENDIX 4

Summary of the Statutory Powers of the Corporation

Principal Powers

Under section 18(1) of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 a further education corporation* may:-

- a) provide further and higher education;
- b) provide secondary education suitable to the requirements of persons who have attained the age of 14 years, or provide secondary education or participate in the provision of secondary education at a school (subject to the consultation with the appropriate local education authority); and
- c) supply goods or services in connection with their provision of education.

These powers are known as the Corporation's "principal powers".

Supplementary Powers

Under section 19 of the 1992 Act the Corporation may do anything which appears to it to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of or in connection with the exercise of any of the principal powers conferred by section 18 of the Act, including in particular the following:-

- a) the power to acquire and dispose of land and other property;
- b) the power to enter into contracts, including in particular:
 - i) contracts for the employment of teachers and other staff for the purposes of or in connection with carrying on any activities undertaken in the exercise of the Corporation's principal powers; and
 - ii) contracts with respect to the carrying on by the Corporation of any such activities;
- c) the power to form, participate in forming or invest in a company or become a member of a charitable incorporated organisation provided that the SFA consents;
- d) the power to borrow such sums as the Corporation thinks fit for the purposes of carrying on any activities it has power to carry on or to meet any liability transferred to it under sections 23 to 27 of the 1992 Act (i.e. when the College achieved its corporate independence on 1st April 1993) and, in connection with such borrowing, the power to grant any mortgage charge or other security in respect of any land or other property of the Corporation. This power may not be exercised without the consent of the Council, which may give its consent for a particular borrowing or for borrowing of a particular class;

* In this summary, "Corporation" is used rather than "Governing Body" since this is the expression adopted by the 1992 Act

- e) power to invest any sums not immediately required for the purposes of carrying on any activities the Corporation has power to carry on;
- f) power to accept gifts of money, land or other property and apply it, or hold and administer it on trust for, any of those purposes;
- g) power to do anything incidental to the conduct of an educational institution providing further or higher education, including founding scholarships or exhibitions, making grants and giving prizes; and
- h) provide advice or assistance to any other person where it appears to the Corporation to be appropriate for them to do so for the purpose of or in connection with the provision of education by the other person.

The Corporation may also provide facilities of any description (including boarding accommodation and recreational facilities for students and staff and facilities to meet the needs of students having learning difficulties) which appear to be necessary or desirable for the purposes of or in connection with the carrying on of the principal powers.

The powers conferred by section 19 of the 1992 Act are known as “supplementary powers”.

As a member of the Corporation, I agree to observe this code of conduct to the best of my abilities.

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Signature

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Name of Corporation member

Dated: