

**This report may be of interest to: Members of the Economy and Lifelong Learning Committee**

## **MEMBERSHIP OF MILTON KEYNES COLLEGE GOVERNING BODY**

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1. **Purpose**

- 1.1 To update the Committee on changes in the rules on representation on FE College governing bodies and to seek approval to nominations.

2. **Summary**

The report is about Council representation on the College governing body.

3. **Recommendations**

- 3.1 That Councillor Norman Miles and Vanessa Gwynn, Head of Community and Economic Development be nominated as Council representatives on the Milton Keynes College Governing Body.

#### 4. **Background**

- 4.1 The government has recently introduced changes to the categories of membership of FE College governors. There is now a category of membership for individuals nominated by a local authority. The clerk to the corporation of Milton Keynes College has written to the Strategic Director, Learning and Development with an invitation for two nominees.

#### 5. **Issues and Choices**

- 5.1 The government regulations are that each further education corporation must have at least one, but no more than three nominees from the local authority. The Milton Keynes College Board has opted to have two local authority governors, as stated above. They would like ideally one councillor and one officer of the Council. Governors are appointed for a three year term of office and are then eligible for reappointment by the Board to serve a second three year term.
- 5.2 Councillor Norman Miles is already a member of the governing body as a co-opted governor and his current term of office expires at the end of April this year. The College would want Councillor Miles to continue to serve on the board and have suggested that it would be appropriate for him to transfer to the category of membership for individual nominated by the local authority. This would however, have to be proposed by the Council. It would seem appropriate for Councillor Miles to be a Council nominee in view of his role as Chairman of the Lifelong Learning Partnership, his membership of the FEFC Regional Committee and his existing College links. He has also been Vice Chair of the Community Learning Committee which has oversight of all lifelong learning developments, and is Vice Chair of the MK Economic Partnership, whose work is also closely related to College plans.
- 5.3 It is proposed to nominate Vanessa Gwynn, Head of Community and Economic Development, as the officer from the Council. Community and Economic Development has the closest linkages with FE, for example through ACE and through the Lifelong Learning Plan and the Council's Economic Development Plan.

#### 6. **Implications**

- 6.1 Environmental  
None.
- 6.2 Equalities  
None.
- 6.3 Financial  
None.

6.4 Legal

These nominations are made in accordance with the Further Education Corporations (Former Further Education Colleges) (Instrument of Government) (Modification) Order 1999.

6.5 Staff and Accommodation

None.

7. **Conclusions**

7.1 This report seeks agreement to nomination to the College Governing Body.

Background Papers: Correspondence with the clerk to the Corporation of Milton Keynes College