

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

To

Cabinet

On

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Report prepared by: Andrew Lewis Deputy Chief Executive
and Executive Director for Growth and Housing

Southend Adult Community College Scheme of Delegation

Relevant Scrutiny Committee(s): Place Scrutiny
Cabinet Member: Councillor Anne Jones
Part 1 (Public Agenda Item)

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of the report is to update the governance arrangements in relation to Southend Adult Community College (“the College”) following the Council’s senior management restructure.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

2.1 The updated Scheme of Delegation at Appendix 1 is agreed;

2.2 The Cabinet Member with responsibility for learning be agreed as the Council representative on the College’s Governing Body.

3. Background

3.1 The College operates under a Scheme of Delegation which was last updated November 2018. This states at paragraph 12 of Annexe B that the Articles should be “*reviewed every two years to ensure they reflect best governance practice and may be amended or replaced in agreement with the Authority, or revoked by order of the Authority*”. In this instance is it necessary to update the articles within the two year timeframe to reflect the changes made following the Council’s senior management restructure which has seen the College move into the Regeneration and Growth basket of services.

3.2 The amends to the updated Scheme of Delegation (**Appendix 1**) reflect the changes to senior management structure to ensure appropriate accountability and support. Other changes can be found at Annexe A paragraph 2.2 which makes a minor change to the terminology relating to Learner Engagement

Monitoring. Annexe A paragraph 10.4 introduces the ability to hold virtual approvals and delegations as is common practice elsewhere.

- 3.3** The Council has been represented on the College's Governing Body over the years. The end of the term of office of the most recent representative has been reached and the Council's representation reviewed accordingly. It is proposed that going forward the Council be represented on the Governing Body by the Cabinet Member with responsibility for learning supported by the Director of Regeneration and Growth. Although there is a delegation in place for the appointment of the Local Authority governor, it is considered expedient on this occasion for the appointment to be made by Council.

4. Other Options

There is an existing Scheme of Delegation (dated November 2018) which could be retained however this would not be up-to-date and an accurate reflection of the Council-College relationship.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

The College is part of the Council and the Scheme of Delegation sets out the governance relationship for the College in relation to the rest of the Council. An up-to-date Scheme of Delegation and representation on the Governing Body are good practice.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to the Southend 2050 Road Map

The work of the College directly contributes towards a number of Southend 2050 outcomes.

Opportunity and Prosperity outcome 3:

Our children are school and life ready and our workforce is skilled and job ready

The College provides learning and education from the age of 14. It seeks to align its curriculum planning with local economic need. It also offers training for the existing local workforce including staff development and wider professional and community learning.

Active and Involved outcomes 1 and 2:

Even more Southenders agree that people from different backgrounds are valued and get on well together.

The benefits of community connection are evident as more people come together to help, support and spend time with each other.

The College is a space where people from different backgrounds come together, learn together and about each other, and positively contribute towards life in Southend.

6.2 Financial Implications

The delegated budget to the College is reflected in the existing Scheme of Delegation. Updates proposed do not present a material change to this provision.

6.3 Legal Implications

The Council must approve an updated Scheme of Delegation to ensure the amendments and updates takes effect on the running of the College.

6.4 People Implications

This report aligns the College with the senior management restructure agreed last year through corresponding updates to the Scheme of Delegation. It also recommends appointment of a Councillor and an officer to the Governing Body.

6.5 Property Implications

There are no direct property implications of this report. The College operates from three sites across the borough, two of these are maintained by the Council.

6.6 Consultation

There is no consultation required in regards to this report.

6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

This report has no equality and diversity implications.

6.8 Risk Assessment

The risk of not updating would be to the detriment of the effectiveness of the college's governing body in meeting the strategic challenges facing adult and community education provision.

6.9 Value for Money

This report has no value for money implications.

6.10 Community Safety Implications

This report has no community safety implications.

6.11 Environmental Impact

This report has no environmental implications.

7. Background Papers

None

8. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Revised Scheme of Delegation