

Independent Governors and Co-opted Members

Terms of office, committee membership and link roles 2025/26

Board composition

Up to 18 external/independent governors

1 Principal & CEO

2 staff governors

2 student governors

Independent Governors	Committee Served	Link Role	[Start Date]	Start Date (current term)	Retirement Date	Terms served	Comments
1. Andy Stevenson – Vice Chair	REM (Chair) F&E (Vice Chair)	Business Development	20/1/22	20/1/22	19/1/26	1 st Term	
2. Anne Gordon	F&E (Chair) G&S (Vice Chair) REM	Creative Arts, Enterprise & Digital Industries	11/6/20	11/6/24	31/8/28	2 nd Term	
3. Brendan Keaney	ASQ	Creative Arts, Enterprise & Digital Industries	28/1/21	28/1/25	27/1/29	2 nd Term	
4. Graham Mead	F&E A&R Health & Safety Committee	Health & Safety	12/10/23	12/10/23	11/10/27	1 st Term	
5. Jonathan Legh-Smith	A&R		11/7/18	1/8/22	31/7/26	2 nd Term	

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Mark Lyne			29/7/15	20/9/23	31/7/25	3 rd Term	
6. Phillip Harrison	A&R	Service Industries & Science	20/1/22	20/1/22	19/1/26	1 st Term	
7. Robert England	ASQ Curriculum Review Committee	Land Based	11/6/20	11/6/24	31/8/28	2 nd Term	
8. Sarah Hancock	F&E		12/10/23	12/10/23	11/10/27	1 st Term	
9. Simon Wingrove	A&R (Chair) G&S REM		20/1/22	20/1/22	19/1/26	1 st Term	
10. Stevie Sheppard	ASQ Suffolk Centre of Culinary Arts	Animal & Equine	28/1/21	28/1/25	27/1/29	2 nd Term	
11. Sue McGregor			20/1/22	20/1/22	19/1/26	1 st Term	On sabbatical from 10/1/25 for 6 months. Extended to 9/1/26
Suzanne Davis			20/1/22	20/1/22	4/6/25	1 st Term	Resigned
12. Terry Baxter – Chair	REM G&S (Chair) Safeguarding Committee	Student Services, Safeguarding, and Support	12/10/23	12/10/23	11/10/27	1 st Term	

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13. Carol Snape	ASQ A&R REM Curriculum Review Committee	Quality, Teaching Development & Student Progress	17/1/25	17/1/25	16/1/29	1 st Term	
14. Richard Brame	ASQ G&S Curriculum Review Committee	English & Maths	17/1/25	17/1/25	19/1/26	1 st Term	Extended from 16/7/25 to 19/1/26 to cover SMcG's sabbatical
15. Sarah-Jane Smedmor			1/8/25	1/8/25	31/7/29	1 st Term	
3 x vacancies for independent governors							
Principal & Chief Executive Officer	Committee Served	Link Role	[Start Date]	Start Date (current term)	Retirement Date	Terms served	Comments
16. Alan Pease			N/A				
Staff Governors	Committee Served	Link Role	[Start Date]	Start Date (current term)	Retirement Date	Terms served	
17. Ashleigh Hurrell	ASQ		1/8/24	1/8/24	31/7/26	1 st Term	
18. Paige Etheridge	ASQ		1/8/24	1/8/24	31/7/26	1 st Term	

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Student Governors	Committee Served	Link Role	[Start Date]	Start Date (current term)	Retirement Date	Terms served	
Emily Hammond			1/8/24	1/8/24	31/7/25	1 st Term	
19. Freya Ollason	ASQ		1/8/25	1/8/25	31/7/26	1 st Term	
20. Beatriz Dos Santos Silva	ASQ		1/8/25	1/8/25	31/7/26	1 st Term	
Co-opted Member	Committee Served	Link Role	[Start Date]	Start Date (current term)	Retirement Date	Terms served	
Andy Sparks	ASQ (Vice Chair)	Engineering, Construction & Building Technology, Apprenticeships	1/1/24	1/1/25	31/12/25	2 nd Term	
Robin Ghurbhurun	A&R		17/1/25	17/1/25	16/1/26	1 st Term	

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Committees

Committee Name	Membership Numbers	Membership
Academic Standards and Quality Committee	Minimum of 7	Committee membership comprises of the Chair of Corporation, the Principal & CEO, staff governors, student governors, independent governors with links to Directorates, and co-opted members as approved by Corporation/G&S
Finance & Employment Committee	Up to 6	Committee membership comprises of the Chair of Corporation, the Principal & CEO, and up to 4 further members which may include 1 co-opted member
Audit & Risk Committee	Up to 6	The Chair of Corporation, the Principal & CEO, staff governors and students governors are not eligible to serve on this committee. Members of the F&E can be members of A&R providing that the majority of the members are independent of F&E
Governance & Search Committee	Up to 7	Committee membership comprises of the Chair of Corporation, the Vice Chair of Corporation, up to 3 independent governors (in addition to the Chair/Vice Chair), the Principal & CEO, and one co-opted member
Remuneration Committee		Committee membership comprises of the Chair of Corporation, the Vice Chair of Corporation, and Committee Chairs.