

Minutes of a Meeting of the Major Projects & Investment Committee
held at 4pm on Tuesday, 26 April 2016
in the Boardroom, Technopark, London, SE1

Governors Present

Douglas Denham St Pinnock
Jerry Cope
David Phoenix
Carol Hui
Hilary McCallion
Abdi Osman

Chair
Chair of Board of Directors
Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive

SU President

Apologies

Kevin McGrath
Tony Roberts
Andrea Smith

Independent Governor
Head of Technical Support
Chair of Student Council

In attendance

Pat Bailey
Ian Mehrtens
James Stevenson

Deputy Vice Chancellor
Chief Operating Officer
University Secretary and Clerk to the Board
of Governors
Governance Assistant

Joanne Vas

Welcome

1. The Chair welcomed members to the meeting of the committee. Apologies were received from Kevin McGrath, Tony Roberts and Andrea Smith.

Declarations of interest

2. No member declared an interest in any item on the agenda.

Minutes of previous meetings

3. The committee approved minutes from the meetings of 16 December 2015 and 16 February 2016. The minutes of the meeting of 27 October were approved, subject to some minor amendments to minute 5, and minute 12 as

follows: “PIRs for Hugh Astor Court and the new Media Centre would be brought to the Committee when appropriate, as set out by the business cases”.

Matters arising

4. The committee received an update on the purchase of Hugh Astor Court. The final version of the agreement with the Peabody Trust has been signed by LSBU. This is with the Peabody Trust for signing.
5. A preferred completion date is 31 July 2016 with vacant possession of the site. A “long stop” for completion is 31 December 2016.

Estates development proposals

St George’s Quarter brief

6. The committee noted the presentation on the St George’s Quarter brief and accompanying paper (paper **MPI.04(16)**). The brief is only intended for selecting the design team and will develop as the design develops.
7. A focus group of individuals and students from around the University had been consulted. The design team and architect for the development will be selected from a shortlist of industry specialists.
8. After due consideration of the key issues (including value for money, sustainability and building adaptability), the committee supported the proposals. A further update, including financial implications, will be brought to the committee meeting of 23 June 2016.

Technopark proposal

9. The committee noted the Technopark proposal including the draft ‘Heads of Terms’ document (paper **MPI.04(16)**). The plans enabled the refurbishment of the London Road building by decanting Technopark to Diary House, on Borough Road, and then London Road to Technopark. The development of the Technopark site would follow the refurbishment of London Road.
10. The committee noted the next steps included the appointment of external legal advisors to advise on the form of transaction and the heads of terms.
11. After detailed discussion, the committee agreed to support the proposal in principle. Further updates would be brought to the committee and Board of Governors as required.

Perry library update

12. The committee noted that an initial valuation had been provided for Perry library of £35m. Discussions would be commencing with the developers of the Skipton House site, London & Regional Properties (L&R).
13. Further updates would be brought to the committee and Board of Governors as required.

Update on Institute for Professional & Technical Education (IPTE) capital funding

14. An update was provided on the IPTE which would initially be delivered in-house. Discussions to date with Southwark council regarding the creation of a physical hub, through refurbishment of the Thomas Passmore Edwards library on the University's campus, have been positive.
15. An area review of Further Education in the Borough of Southwark is expected to be completed in June 2016. The Executive is preparing a business case for the proposed refurbishment of the library which will be presented to the council in July 2016, following completion of the review.
16. A further update and the full business case will be brought to the committee meeting of 23 June 2016.

EDISON projects post-completion review

17. The committee noted the Edison programme closure report (paper **MPI.05(16)**). The three components to EDISON: suites of tools to support an Enhanced Student Experience; cloud data storage; and the Identity and Access Management System (IAMS) have all now been delivered and with overall targets having been met. The data and cloud storage contract with IBM is in place until 2019.
18. The committee discussed in detail the Executive's assessment of the transaction. An improved service is being negotiated with IBM.
19. The collaboration with IBM and the University is progressing. IBM has provided a 'partnership proposal' outline which details a number of suggested mutually beneficial projects.

Committee effectiveness

20. The committee discussed its effectiveness (paper **MPI.06(16)**). The intention of the discussion was to provide a 'light-touch' review of committee effectiveness to date, following the governance effectiveness review in May 2015 which established the committee.
21. The committee agreed that it is operating effectively at present. Much of the content so far has involved discussion rather than approval, although it was noted that the discussion aspect is critical in gaining an understanding of future University projects.
22. The committee requested that, in future, the cover sheets of papers provide a summary snapshot of the background and the key points to note. This will ensure important points are not overlooked in the detailed content of the paper.

Date of next meeting

23. The next meeting of the committee would be Thursday, 23 June 2016.

The Chair closed the meeting.

Confirmed as a true record:

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