

## LEEDS COLLEGE OF BUILDING

### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION

Minutes of the special meeting of the Corporation held on Wednesday 15 September 2010 at 4.00pm in Meeting Room 1.

#### PRESENT:

C Harrigan (Chairperson)  
I Billyard  
A Gamble  
M Himsworth  
D Hutchinson  
M Joyce  
H Ramsden  
M White

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

D Pullein (Executive Director - Finance)  
R Scanlan (Clerk to the Corporation and Executive Director - Support Services)  
D Whitehead (Deputy Principal and Executive Director – Curriculum and Quality)  
N Fearnside (Secretary – minutes)

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#### 1. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairperson reported that Agenda Item 5 would be taken as the first item.

#### 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Staff members declared an interest in Agenda Item 4.

#### 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G Driver, J Evans, A Finn, A Iveson and P Rogerson.

#### 5. UPDATE ON PROPERTY MATTERS

R Scanlan gave a brief update on property matters.

Following the last meeting a response was sent to the land agents regarding the Regent Street site, stating that the College could not complete by December 2010 but would endeavour to complete as soon as possible. The agent then pushed for a nine month deadline but the College asked for a further three month extension if required. The land agents finally responded at the beginning of September to say that their clients would not agree to this; the College will therefore not be pursuing the purchase of this site any further.

**5. UPDATE ON PROPERTY MATTERS** (continued)

A further search undertaken by GVA Grimley highlighted land available at Hunslet. A visit had been made to the site and although the two sites were larger than the College required, the land agents said that their client would be willing to sell part of it. Outline planning permission has already been obtained for residential, hotel and retail use.

An informal valuation had been requested but had not yet been received. *Subsequently, during the meeting, R Scanlan received notification that the land was valued at between £400-600k per acre.*

M Joyce was concerned that one of the pieces of land would be contaminated as a chemical works was situated on it. R Scanlan reported that this had been raised with the agent who confirmed that ground reports had been undertaken and we would be purchasing a clean site.

I Billyard stated that the longer term plans for this area look exciting.

D Hutchinson stated that the Brewery was closing down at the end of this year and demolition would probably be carried out on a piecemeal basis due to nearby accommodation.

It was agreed that further discussions should take place and an update given at the next meeting.

R Scanlan gave an update on the grants which the College had recently bid to the SFA for. The Renewal Grant of £225k has been approved. The condition survey at North Street and Millwright Street has now been completed and work would be identified from there. This would be mainly on the M&E side. A total of £675k needs to be spent. The bid for the Enhanced Renewal Grant was not approved.

The break clause on Lockwood Way's lease is due in July 2011 and options are being considered.

R Scanlan reported that various work had been carried out over the summer period, including new fire doors, new lighting in the corridors and refurbishment of the reception area.

**4. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

See attached minute.

- 6.** The next meeting was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 12 October 2010. However, it was agreed that this should be re-scheduled so that feedback on the decision by Joseph Priestley College could be discussed. *Subsequent to the meeting this was re-scheduled for Tuesday 19 October 2010.*

Signed for Distribution: .....  
(Chair)

Date: .....

Approved: .....  
(Chair)

Date: .....