## University of Cambridge

#### COUNCIL

The Vice-Chancellor requests a meeting of the Council in the Council Room, The Old Schools, at 10.15 am on Monday 21 January 2013. Coffee will be available beforehand.

Circulated: 15 January 2013

#### **AGENDA**

# UNRESERVED BUSINESS PART A: PRELIMINARY, LEGISLATIVE AND STRAIGHTFORWARD BUSINESS

## A1 Declarations of Interest

To declare any personal or prejudicial interests.

#### A2 Minutes

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2012 are circulated for confirmation.

### A3 Procedure of the Council

# (a) To approve arrangements for the chairing of agenda items

It is proposed that the Vice-Chancellor should chair the entire meeting. A member of the Council who wishes to propose a different allocation of items between the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Chair is requested to inform the Registrary or the Head of the Registrary's Office before the start of the meeting.

## (b) To approve confirmed business starred as straightforward

A member of the Council who wishes a starred item to be discussed at the meeting is requested to inform the Registrary or the Head of the Registrary's Office before the start of the meeting.

The Council is asked to approve matters for decision set out in the confirmed starred items.

Starred items are included in the agenda (rather than inclusion in a Circular or by reference to the Business Committee) only if it is believed that the business is of sufficient significance that there could be need for discussion at the meeting (or exceptionally if there is particular urgency about an item of straightforward business).

## \*(c) Council Circulars

To note issue and approval (or proposed issue and potential approval) of the following:

| Circular | Issue      | Approval    |
|----------|------------|-------------|
| 28/12    | 7 December | 17 December |
| 1/13     | 4 January  | 14 January  |
| 2/13     | 11 January | 21 January  |

## A4 Vice-Chancellor's Report

The Vice-Chancellor will report further **only** on those items on the following list which are **bold** and unstarred (either on the agenda or, in advance, at the request of members of the Council); other matters are for information only.

## (a) New Year Honours

The Vice-Chancellor invites the Council to congratulate members of the University named in the recent New Year's Honours list as follows:

| Professor Frank Kelly, Master of Christ's         | CBE |
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| Professor Mary Beard, N                           | OBE |
| Professor Janet Todd, President of Lucy Cavendish |     |
|   |     |
| Dr David Cleevely, Centre for Science and Policy  | CBE |
| Ms Sherry Coutu (Finance Committee)               | CBE |

Dr Rowan Williams, Master of Magdalene from January 2013 Life Peerage

- (b) Professor Geoffrey Ward, currently the Vice-Principal for Students and Staff at Royal Holloway has been appointed Principal of Homerton in succession to Dr Kate Pretty with effect from 1 October 2013.
- (c) The Vice-Chancellor, the Pro-Vice-Chancellors, the Registrary, the Academic Secretary and the Director of Finance met with their Oxford counterparts on 11 January 2013.

# A5 Council, legislative and comparable matters

#### \*(a) Council Work Plan 2010-11

The updated Work Plan is attached to this agenda.

The Registrary or the Head of the Registrary's Office will answer any questions.

#### \*(b) Business Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2013 are circulated, together with a paper listing the dates of Council, General Board and Finance Committee meetings for 2013-14 and provisional dates for 2014-15.

The Warden of Robinson is the Chairman of the Committee. Dr Cowley, Professor Gay, Dr Oosthuizen and Mr Bell are members.

(c) Strategic meetings

It is proposed that, as in previous years, the Council's spring strategic meeting will take

place after the ordinary meeting of the Council on Monday 22 April 2013.

It is further proposed that, as in previous years, the Council's September strategic meeting will take place after the ordinary meeting of the Council on Monday 23 September and on

Tuesday 24 September.

Council members are asked to reserve these dates.

A6 Ballots of the Regent House: electronic voting

A draft Report, produced by the Council's working group on electronic voting chaired by the Principal of Homerton, is circulated. The Council is asked to approve the Report for

publication.

Dr Cowley was a member of the working group. The Head of the Registrary's Office was

its secretary.

A7 General Board

The minutes of the General Board's meeting on 28 November 2012 are circulated. Attention is drawn to the matters listed on the coversheet. There are no matters for the

Council's decision.

The Vice-Chancellor is Chairman of the General Board. Dr Bampos, Dr Good and Dr

Padman were members at the date of the meeting.

**PART B: MAIN BUSINESS** 

**B1** Finance, Planning and Resources

**Finance** 

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 9 January 2013 are

circulated.

The Vice-Chancellor chairs the Committee. The Senior Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Mr du

Quesnay and Professor Hopper are members.

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# B2 Audit

The Audit Committee will have met on 17 January 2013. The minutes will be circulated for the February meeting of the Council. Any urgent business will be reported.

Mr Shakeshaft is Chairman of the Committee. Dr Good and Mr Lewisohn are members.

# B3 External Affairs and Communications Periodic report

A paper is circulated. The Director of External Affairs and Communications will report.

# **B4** North West Cambridge

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Institutional Affairs will provide a progress report.

#### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

#### COUNCIL

#### **COUNCIL WORK PLAN 2012-3**

The following timetable sets out those matters which the Council considers in accordance with an annual schedule. Dates, in some cases, are determined by reporting schedules; in others they are indicative. The work plan is updated for each ordinary meeting of the Council to take account of emerging issues.

#### MICHAELMAS TERM 2012

# 24 September 2012 (morning)

# **Ordinary meeting**

Annual Report of the Council – first draft - **done**Confirm Standing Orders, Code of Practice, Statement
of Primary Responsibilities, Statement of Corporate
Governance - **done** 

Approve outline Council workplan for forthcoming

academical year. - done

## 24 and 25 September 201

## Strategic meeting

Residential: at the Marriott Hotel, Huntingdon. Topics will include strategic financial planning, including the North West Cambridge Project and fundraising.

## 22 October 2012

## **Ordinary meeting**

Review conclusions from strategic meeting – **done**Annual Report of the Council – second draft - **done**North West Cambridge project update and Report to
the Regent House – **done** 

Fundraising in the Collegiate University - **deferred**Honorary Degree nominations for the calendar year immediately following, and preliminary proposals for the year after (if available; otherwise in November) i **will come to November or December meeting**Receive and approve the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for External Members of the Council (if available; otherwise in November). – **done**Review of IT infrastructure and support – **done** 

#### 26 November 2012

## **Ordinary meeting**

Annual Report of the Council – sign off for publication –**done** 

Consider and approve Financial Statements for publication - **done** 

Receive consider and publish General Report to the

Council- done

Response to Board of Scrutiny report - done

17 December 2012

**Ordinary meeting** 

The biennial half election of members of the Council in classes (a), (b) and (c) will have taken place. Induction of new members takes place separately.

ACCMEN's report of appointment of Council members to Council committees and other bodies – **done** 

#### LENT TERM 2013

21 January 2013

# **Ordinary meeting**

First meeting of new members in classes (a), (b), (c) and (e)

Confirm dates of Council meetings (as approved by the Business Committee) for the forthcoming academical year – **in agenda** 

Office of External Affairs and Communications: annual

report - in agenda

18 February 2013

# **Ordinary meeting**

Confirm date of the September Strategic Meeting

18 March 2013

# **Ordinary Meeting**

Preliminary discussion of University budget for the forthcoming financial year

March-April (date not yet determined)

# **Strategic Meeting**

Strategic meeting, provisionally part day in

Cambridge: exact time and location to be determined.

#### **EASTER TERM 2013**

22 April 2013 **Ordinary Meeting** 

Draft Budget and Allocations Report 2013-14- first

consideration

Strategic meeting – review conclusions

20 May 2013 **Ordinary Meeting** 

Budget and Allocations Report 2013-14 - conclude

consideration, sign and publish

Report from CUP

17 June 2013 **Ordinary Meeting** 

Last meeting of outgoing student members

Preliminary discussion of programme for September

strategic meeting

Preliminary draft of Council workplan for the next

academical year

Report from Cambridge Assessment

## **LONG VACATION 2013**

15 July 2013 (long meeting) First meeting of new student members

Initial review of Standing Orders, Code of Practice, Statement of Primary Responsibilities and Statement

of Corporate Governance

Receive Board of Scrutiny Annual Report Revised workplan for the next academical year

The Deputy Chairman chairs.

The Vice-Chancellor's annual report to the Council Consideration of the Council's priorities for the

forthcoming academical year

23 September 2012 (morning)

**Ordinary meeting** 

The Council's Annual Report 2012-13 - first draft. Confirm or revise Standing Orders, Code of Practice, Statement of Primary Responsibilities and Statement

of Corporate Governance

September 2013 (dates to be determined)

**Strategic Meeting: provisional** 

Residential: out of Cambridge; place to be determined. Topics to be determined.

### MICHAELMAS TERM 2013 (FORWARD LOOK)

21 October 2013 Ordinary Meeting

Strategic meeting September 2013 - consider

conclusions.

The Council's Annual Report 2012-13 – second draft Receive draft General Board Report to the Council for

2012-13

Honorary Degree nominations 2013 and preliminary

proposals for 2014.

25 November 2013 Ordinary Meeting

Consider and approve Financial Statements 2012-13. Sign Annual Report of the Council 2012-13; receive, consider and publish General Board Report to the

Council 2012-13

16 December 2013 Ordinary Meeting

The minutes and associated papers of the Finance Committee, Audit Committee, Planning and Resources Committee and Human Resources Committee are brought to the Council at the earliest convenient opportunity following those Committees' meetings. Business Committee minutes are brought to the Council when there is a meeting in the week immediately preceding the Council's meeting; they otherwise go in Council circulars. Most other Committee minutes go in Council circulars.

The minutes and associated papers of the General Board are brought to the Council at the earliest convenient opportunity following the Board's meetings.

There is a progress report on the North West Cambridge Project at every meeting.

There are termly reports from CUDO. These are scheduled to fit with other business.

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September 2012