

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held
on Tuesday 25th April 2023 at 2.00pm in the Audit Room, and by zoom

Present:	Provost	In Attendance:	Vice-Provost
	Professor Griffiths		Senior Tutor
	Professor Hall		First Bursar
	Professor Sharman		Domus Bursar
	Professor Dunn		
	Dr Dolan		
	Dr Taylor		
	Dr Good		*Ms Olumide-Wahab
	*Mr Erwig		*Open business

Apologies for Absence

Dr Adhikari, Mr Gasienica-Ciulacz, and Ms Kadlecova apologised for their absence. Professors Giannitsarou and Candea were on leave.

OPEN BUSINESS

155. Declarations of Interest

None.

156. Oral reports

The Senior Tutor informed Council that the date of 11th May 2023 has been agreed with the Shepreth Wildlife Park, as an Awayday for students, but open to Fellows, staff and families. There will be a shuttle bus service from Queen's Road, with priority given to students. Further messages will be forthcoming advertising the day.

Principal Items of Business

157. Update on priorities

The First Bursar presented an Update on Priorities, with the paper building on a number of topics discussed in recent terms. He drew attention to the advantages of a better understanding and visibility of management and financial information, structuring further work around the themes of stability, flexibility and grip. In breaking down and responding to these themes, College should be able to recover to post pandemic stability, understand College finances (including being flexible with them), and ensure provision for the unforeseen. Gripping critical priorities will come through improved communication, stronger accountability, and simpler processes and systems.

Council welcomed the update and clarity, observing an improvement over pages of spreadsheets. It was felt that the bundling of some activities – in particular Research – might require further thought, and it was noted that some of the decisions about the future direction of the College hinted at in this paper

would need to be decided imminently because of decisions related to replacing the Head of Communications. The Communications Committee would submit a paper to the next Council.

The First Bursar was thanked for the update. Council agreed to await the outcome of communications discussions at the Communications Committee before passing the paper to Governing Body. Council supported further work in this direction.

Other Items for Discussion

None.

Business for Report

None.

158. Any Other Business

The First Bursar drew attention to a draft letter to Barclays Bank seeking assurances that the bank was not engaged in activities linked to fossil fuel financing. The letter contains several targets/methodological indicators and other considerations. Council supported the thrust of the letter, and agreed to the First Bursar signing, subject to a number of minor amendments.

Professor Griffiths left the meeting at 1454.