KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held

on Tuesday 20 January 2026 at 14:00 in the Audit Room and via Teams

Present:	Provost (online) Professor Bullock Professor Foley Professor Giannitsarou Professor Grosse Ruse-Khan Ms Headen Dr Knox Dr Russell Dr Sarkovic (online) Dr Weil Ms O'Callaghan* (KCSU Vice-President)	In Attendance:	Vice-Provost First Bursar Domus Bursar Mr Ahmad* (KCGU Treasurer) Mr Teare* (KCSU President) Registrar

*Open Business

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Professor Sharman and the Senior Tutor apologised for their absence. Ms Sally (KCGU President) was absent. As the Provost was attending online, the Vice-Provost chaired the meeting.

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2. **Declarations of Interest**

The Vice-Provost welcomed new Council members. There were no declarations of interest.

3. **Minutes of Open Business 2 December 2025**

Approved.

4. **Matters arising**

None.

5. **Oral reports**

None.

6. **Council Timetable – Open Matters**

In the agenda: Planning Round (Part 1) and Council training and guidelines, including trustee training, Guidelines on Confidentiality at Committee Meetings and 'Prevent' training for Council.

It was noted that the Student Accommodation Charges were on the timetable for the last meeting of Lent Term and that this needed to be changed to the first meeting of Lent Term. This year, the matter would be discussed at the next Council meeting.

7. **Council Action List – Open Matters**

On the Action List for Lent Term:

- Terms of Reference for separate Audit and Scrutiny Committees
- Proposal for engagement with development of choral skills at school
- Feasibility of an organ competition
- Consider adding pressures on higher education sector to Risk Register
- Undergraduate room banding review
- College position on Equality Act ruling and ECHR guidance
- King's Affair 2026 proposal

8. **Council Project List**

Strategy Development Projects on the Projects List for Lent Term:

- Development 'mind the gap' strategy
- Communications strategy
- Decarbonisation programme options
- Research strategy

Improvement Projects on the Projects List for Lent Term:

- Programme of research workshops and talks
- Review structure and skills of administrative team in Tutorial
- Admissions feedback and evaluation
- Responsible investment implementation
- Kinetics implementation
- Staff development package
- Catering perception change
- Restoration campaign
- Segregated mandate for Endowment
- Porters security and training
- Leadership programme for Heads of Department
- New custodian for Endowment
- Implementation of compliance reporting system
- College publications refresh
- Strengthen appraisals process
- College Incident Management Plan
- Introduce Termly Update reporting to GB
- Systems to flag committee items for Council attention

Strategic

9. **Planning Round 2026**

The First Bursar proposed minor changes to the Planning Round process following feedback from last year.

Council agreed proposed amendments to the Planning Round for the coming financial year, to be implemented in Lent Term 2026.

Routine

10. **KCMS Lent Term Concert**

KCMS normally have one concert each term in the Dining Hall. They requested this for Sunday 1 March 2026.

> Council agreed to permit KCMS to use the Dining Hall for a concert at 8.00 p.m. on Sunday 1 March 2026, all detailed arrangement to be agreed with Catering.

11. **Eboracum Baroque Concert**

Council discussed the request from Dr Wallach to gain permission to hold a concert of baroque music in the Fellows' Garden on Saturday 18 July 2026. Permission had been granted for the last three years.

> Council agreed to approve a concert by Eboracum Baroque in King's College Fellows' Garden at 7.00 pm on Saturday 18 July 2026, subject to the Domus Bursar agreeing insurance arrangements with Eboracum Baroque.

Council also asked that the organisers are made aware that the College is currently reviewing its use of the Fellows' Garden during the summer, and that permission may not be granted again next year or may be granted under different terms.

12. **Chariots of Fire Charity Event**

The organisers of the annual Chariots of Fire charity event have requested permission for part of their 2026 race route to pass through King's College, continuing the College's participation as in previous years.

> Council agreed to permit the 2026 Chariots of Fire Charity Event to pass through King's College on Sunday 20 September 2026, under arrangements coordinated by relevant College departments.

13. **Report from Charities Committee**

Council noted a routine report on Charities Committee Activity in Michaelmas Term 2025.

Compliance

14. **Trustee Induction**

The Registrar provided Council with a trustee induction/refresher session, detailing their responsibilities as charity trustees of the College. Following useful discussion,

> Council requested that an informal induction of how "Council works" be made available to new Council members.

15. **Trustee Eligibility Declaration**

The Registrar proposed that the guidance on the second page of the Trustee Eligibility Declaration outlining the disqualification reasons be brought in line with the automatic disqualification reasons of the Charity Commission.

> Council agreed to amend the Trustee Eligibility Declaration as proposed.

16. **Guidelines on Confidentiality at Committee Meetings**

The Registrar presented a minimal amendment to the Guidelines on Confidentiality at Committee Meetings on the Provost's behalf.

Council agreed to approve the Guidelines, noted their contents, and asked the Registrar to circulate the Guidelines to the Governing Body.

17. **'Prevent' Training for Council**

The Registrar on behalf of the Senior Tutor reminded members of Council to complete their 'Prevent' training as Council was identified in the Prevent Policy as key to the duty. Email reminders would be sent to members who needed to complete the training this year.

18. **Safeguarding Policy**

The Safeguarding Officer and Senior Tutor presented revisions to the Safeguarding Policy.

Council agreed revisions to the College's Safeguarding Policy.

Minutes

19. **Minutes of the Chapel Committee meeting on 19 November 2025**

Noted that the Chapel Committee discussed the revised 'Use of Chapel Polities' proposed by the Dean. They approved the new stipulation regarding Council decisions and the need for prior consultation with the Dean and Chapel Committee.

20. **Minutes of the IT Committee meeting on 19 November 2025**

Noted that at its meeting the IT Committee reviewed progress and issues on a number of technical and policy items, and drew Council's attention to:

- Following the departure of the Head of IT interim arrangements are in place and recruitment of a new Head are underway. Ensuring continuity and cybersecurity have been prioritised.
- AV issues - IT will upgrade information for users and recruit and train a team of students who can attend out of hours events (similar to arrangements for Library assistants).
- A working party has been established to develop the new intranet.

21. **Minutes of the EDI Committee meeting on 20 November 2025**

Noted.

22. **Minutes of the Adornment Committee meeting on 26 November 2025**

Noted that the Adornment Committee established a Diversity-in-Art working group and a sub-committee to advise on the refurbishment of Gibbs. It also welcomed the arrival of the Artist in Residence.

23. **Minutes of the Concerts Committee meeting on 26 November 2025**

Noted.

24. **Minutes of the Charities Committee meeting on 3 December 2025**

Noted.

25. **King's College School Board Minutes 19 November 2025**

Noted.

Any Other Business

26. None.