

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held
on Tuesday 9 June 2026 at 14:00 in the Audit Room and Teams

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

*Open Business

310. **Apologies for Absence**

Ms Sally* (KCGU President) and Mr Ahmad* (KCGU Treasurer) apologised for their absence.

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329. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

330. **Minutes of Open Business 26 May 2026**

Approved

331. **Matters arising**

None.

332. **Oral reports**

Death of a member of staff

The Senior Tutor, who had led the College's response, provided information on the death of Harrison Cole, Assisting Organist, in College on Sunday 7 June 2026. Additional welfare provision for students, staff and Fellows was in place, with further

memorial occasions planned later in the week. Senior Officers requested Council's approval for reporting this incident to the Charity Commission.

Council agreed to submit a Serious Incident Report to the Charity Commission.

333. Council Timetable – Open Matters

Nothing on agenda. Grad Bar Report, Incident Management Plan and CCTV Policy are overdue.

334. Council Action List – Open Matters

Updates for 'Return to Council with a proposed College position on Supreme Court Equality Act ruling/ECHR guidance, and detail of any practical steps required' and 'Review Use of Chapel Policy' are on the agenda.

335. Council Project List

Research Strategy will be brought to the next meeting of Council.

Strategic

336. Planning Round 2026

The First Bursar introduced the Planning Round 2026 to Council, presenting both highlights of progress since 2022 and what was planned for the coming financial year. He highlighted the challenges the College was facing, especially financially, and how to address these. Members of Council asked about the provisioning for capital projects and made suggestions for additional support to Research Fellows.

Council agreed and recommended to Governing Body the College's plans, budget and risk approach for the financial year 2026/27.

Routine

337. College Working Group on College Culture

The KCSU President presented the revised version of the Working Group proposal. The modifications suggested by Council had been implemented.

Council agreed to establish a Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Bullying Working Group for Student Safety.

Final membership of the Working Group would be brought to the next meeting of Council.

338. Termly Development Report

Council noted the fundraising, events and activities carried out by the Development Office since the Head of Development's Lent report.

339. Masterplan Working Group Membership

Council agreed to approve Dr Rob Wallach and Dr James Dolan as members of the Masterplan Working Group, replacing Professor Caroline van Eck.

340. Provost's Garden Play

Council discussed the proposal for three performances of a play in the Provost's Garden. Council voiced concerns with the proposal, and given that the request came very close to the proposed dates, there was further concern that there was not sufficient time to address these. Key concerns were: (i) The play would clash with

other events, compromising guest experience, particularly in relation to sound bleed from other events, management of visitor access, and wet weather alternatives; (ii) the proposal did not provide sufficient detail, such as plans for lighting and seating; (iii) the event had been advertised before approval had been gained (iv) the advertised time was different to that stated in the Council paper;; and (v) there was no financial plan.

Council agreed not to approve the performance.

Compliance

341. Equality Act: Draft Code of Practice

This item was deferred to a later meeting.

342. Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Bullying (Student Complaints) Policy

Council agreed to approve the revised Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Bullying (Student Complaints) Policy.

343. Weddings in Chapel Policy

Council agreed to approve the new temporary Chapel Weddings and Blessings policy.

344. Gifts of £10,000 or more

Council agreed to accept gifts of over £10,000 received by the College between 19 February 2026 and 30 April 2026.

345. Chapel Committee Terms of Reference

Council agreed to approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Chapel Committee.

346. Church Patronage Committee Terms of Reference

Council agreed to approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Church Patronage Committee.

Minutes

347. Minutes of the Chapel Committee meeting on 27 May 2026

Noted..

348. Any Other Business

None.

There being no further business Council ended at 16:15.