KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held

on Tuesday 7 July 2026 at 14:00 in the Audit Room and Teams

Present:	Provost Professor Bullock (online) Professor Foley (online) (until 15:50) Professor Giannitsarou (from 14:50) Ms Headen Dr Russell Dr Sarkovic Professor Sharman Ms O'Callaghan* (KCSU Vice-President) (online)	In Attendance:	Pro-Provost Vice-Provost First Bursar Senior Tutor Domus Bursar Mr Teare* (KCSU President) (online) Registrar Admissions Tutor (item 401 only) Dr Dolan (item 426 only)

*Open Business

392. **Apologies for Absence**

Professor Grosse Ruse-Khan, Dr Knox and Dr Weil apologised for their absence. As Mr Ahmad (KCGU Treasurer) and Ms Sally (KCGU President) were absent, Council asked the Registrar to remind them of their duty to attend meetings.

OPEN BUSINESS

393. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

394. **Minutes of Open Business 23 June 2026**

Approved.

395. **Matters arising**

None.

396. **Oral reports**

None.

397. **Council Timetable – Open Matters**

KCSU Student Societies Report on the agenda. Strategy Discussion and CCTV Policy are overdue.

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

Overdue actions are: Return to Council with a proposed College position on Supreme Court Equality Act ruling/EHRC guidance, and detail of any practical steps required; Provide report on the Xu Zhimo Stone and other Visitor Experiences; Legacies of Slavery Plaque; Report on Graduate Admissions Numbers; and Consider adding Food Safety to Catering Committee Terms of Reference.

399. **Council Project List**

Council noted the project list.

Strategic

400. **Civic Engagement**

The First Bursar presented an update from the Civic Engagement Working Group. Following significant progress made since the last update to Council, the Group proposed four votes centred on engagement with other local charities.

Council agreed to

i) Pursue partnerships, where in the College's interests, with local charities and to formalise those arrangements in a Memorandum of Understanding with each charity;
ii) Delegate to the Civic Engagement Working Group the agreement of those memoranda with escalation to Council as necessary;
iii) Appoint the Civic Engagement Working Group to provide a report to Council in Michaelmas 2026 on progress in establishing charity partnerships; and
iv) To adopt a new policy for Work with Other Charities.

Council thanked the members of the Working Group for their efforts.

Routine

401. **Undergraduate Admissions Cover Ratios**

The Admissions Tutor attended for this item.

Dr Adams presented her paper, which was intended to foster discussion and not make any proposals at this stage. She set out three alternatives for how to set admissions cover ratios, noting that King's was unusually active in the August Reconsideration Pool, and reprieved a higher percentage of offerholders than other colleges. Increasing the number of offers could pose a risk since it is not possible to withdraw offers if a subject or the College generally is oversubscribed. It was therefore necessary to establish College-wide principles for cover ratios. Council noted that the Reconsideration Pool was an important tool to meet the College's widening participation targets.

Council discussed the different approaches under consideration and concluded that more data was needed before a meaningful decision could be reached. Especially relevant would be a comparison with other colleges, and there especially those with higher cover ratios, to understand what typical offer levels and cover ratios were like across the collegiate University, and how that impacted widening participation efforts.

Council thanked the Admissions Tutor for bringing this to Council's attention and asked for more information to be available at the first meeting of Michaelmas Term. In the interim, Council's concern about offer levels and cover ratios should be shared

with Directors of Studies in subject meetings, to ensure that they were involved in discussion before offer numbers were set in stone at Council's further discussion and decision in October.

402. **Cambridge Arts Theatre Phase 2 Works**

The First Bursar introduced the paper asking Council to delegate to him approval of required licences for phase 2 of the Arts Theatre's building project, which was the establishment of a studio theatre on the roof of the existing building, to ensure that if works were to begin over the Long Vacation, the College would be able to approve the licences without delay.

Council agreed to delegate to the First Bursar approval of the required licences for phase 2 of the Cambridge Arts Theatre's building project.

Council noted its disappointment that the proposed alterations to the roofline had not gained planning approval.

403. **KCSU Societies Report**

Council noted the report.

Compliance

404. **Cybersecurity and AI Policy**

The Domus Bursar presented the Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence Policy, which had been considered by the IT and Education Committees, which has recommended its approval to Council.

Council approved the institution of this policy, but requested the following minor amendments: i) to clarify that the use of other AI tools than those delineated was possible as long as no College or University data was shared with them; ii) to indicate why this was not permissible using the College's networks; iii) to make clear that students should discuss their use of AI tools with their Director of Studies, not their Tutor; and iv) to correct Action Fraud to Report Fraud as the name had changed.)

Council agreed to adopt the Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence Policy, with the Domus Bursar as Responsible Officer, and with minor amendments as discussed.

405. **EDI Committee Terms of Reference**

Council agreed to approve revised Terms of Reference for the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

Minutes

406. **Minutes of the Development Committee meeting on 18 May 2026**

Noted.

407. **Minutes of the Buildings & Safety Committee meeting on 18 May 2026**

Noted.

408. **Minutes of the EDI Committee meeting on 4 June 2026**

Noted.

409. **Minutes of the Visitors Committee meeting on 10 June 2026**

Council noted that the meeting had no quorum and that no elected members had been present at the meeting. The Registrar was asked to remind all members of the Visitors Committee of the obligation to attend meetings.

410. **Minutes of the Adornment Committee meeting on 10 June 2026**

Noted, especially that the Committee approved replacing the clock in the Audit Room with a working electric clock; agreed to view the Old Master paintings that have been offered as a long-term loan, but without a commitment at this stage; and agreed that the specimen Hall chair was suitable for purchase, with a final decision on the seating material to be determined by polling. The SCR toilets are to be redecorated with new fittings. The Committee discussed how best to continue the Artist in Residence Scheme, which has proved popular but lacks forward funding.

411. **Minutes of the Investment Committee meeting on 12 June 2026**

Noted.

412. **Minutes of the King's College School Board meeting on 17 June 2026**

Noted.

413. **Any Other Business**

None.