

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held

On Tuesday 07 October 2025 at 14:00 in the Audit Room and Teams

Present:	Provost Professor Bullock Professor Foley (until 15:35) Professor Giannitsarou Dr Good Professor Grosse Ruse-Khan (until 15:30) Professor Hall Ms Headen Dr Knox (until 15:35) Dr Russell Dr Sarkovic (online, then in person) Mr Teare* (KCSU Vice-President)	In Attendance:	Vice-Provost Senior Tutor (until 15:55) Domus Bursar (until 15:50) Mr Warner* (KCSU President) Registrar
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*Open Business

438. **Apologies for Absence**

The First Bursar apologised for his absence. The offices of KCGU President and Treasurer are vacant following the graduation of the office holders.

Open Business

439. **Declarations of Interest**

Mr Teare declared an interest in item 451 as the Treasurer of King's Affair.

440. **Minutes of Open Business 15 July 2025**

Approved.

441. **Matters arising**

None.

442. **Oral Reports**

Report on Decisions by Correspondence

(2025/433) Council received a request and granted permission to Professor Campbell Middleton to hold a Dinner in Hall on Thursday 30th October on the occasion of a symposium to mark his career achievements.

(2025/434) Council received and authorised a request for a second crane oversailing licence for the Cambridge Arts Theatre, delegating to the First and Domus Bursars' agreement of any final points of detail.

(2025/435) Council received and approved a proposal to appoint Marcus Coates as Artist in Residence from 1 October 2025 (instead of 1 January 2026 as previously proposed), and to accommodate him in College accommodation and grant him ASCR rights for the duration of his residence (all servery meals and High Table meals free of charge; up to 20 High Table

guests free of charge during the year). Council also agreed to grant ASCR rights to one of the curators, Clare Cumberlidge (with two free lunches and one dinner a week at College expense and the right to use the servery more often at her own expense).

(2025/437) Council received and approved a request for the loan of a King's painting (Roger Fry's self-portrait, K369/P66, currently hanging in the SCR) for an exhibition at Charleston House.

Chestnut Tree Lawn

The Domus Bursar reminded Council of ongoing discussions with the University regarding the ownership of the land housing the chestnut tree between King's Parade and the College Chapel (referred to by the University as 'Chestnut Tree Lawn'). The tree had been surveyed professionally and was in good health.

Council agreed to retain the temporary fencing around the tree until ownership of the land and the implications for access to the College and Senate House Yard had been resolved satisfactorily.

443. **Council Timetable – Open Matters**

In agenda, College Security Review (delayed from Lent Term) and Prevent Review/Risk Assessment.

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

Overdue, proposed College position on Supreme Court Equality Act ruling/ECHR guidance, and detail of any practical steps required.

445. **Council Project List**

The Provost introduced this new standing item designed to make oversight of projects agreed in the planning round easier. The list comprises projects identified as 'critical' across all College departments.

Strategic

None.

Routine

446. **Turing Test Anniversary Conference**

Umang Bhatt attended for this item.

Council noted that a Conference on The Next Turing Tests, organised by the E-Lab and the Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence, would take place in College on 15 -16 October 2025. The Provost noted that the College did not currently have an Events Coordinator to support such activities, and that this may be needed going forward.

447. **College Security Review**

The Domus Bursar introduced the Head Porter's College Security Review, which demonstrated a shift in focus for the Porters' Lodge, but was still a work in progress. Council discussed the possible implications of Martyn's Law coming into effect next year, but concluded that until more definitive information about this was available from the government, the College's response could not be decided. A working group would be formed when the government's direction of travel is clearer.

Council commended the work done so far and noted the recommendations from the Review.

448. **Use of Hall for a Concert**

The King's Men had requested permission to hold a concert in Hall on Monday 1 December, starting at 8.00 p.m. As in previous years, the concert would consist of close-harmony carols and the money raised through ticket sales would be donated to the Children's Ward at Addenbrooke's Hospital. High Table would be relocated to the Wine Room, and the Wine Committee meeting move to a different day. KCMS would arrange details directly with Catering.

Council granted permission to The King's Men to hold a concert in Hall on Monday 1 December, starting at 8.00 p.m.

449. Use of Hall for a memorial event for Basim Musallam

The Vice-Provost, after consultation with the family of Dr Basim Musallam, had ascertained that the most appropriate venue for a memorial event for Basim Musallam is the College Hall. Hall could be used on the afternoon of 31 January 2026 with minimum disruption to other College uses.

Council granted permission for use of the Hall from 3.00 to 5.30 p.m. on Saturday 31 January for a memorial event for Basim Musallam.

Compliance

450. Staff and Students Relationships Policy

Council noted that the Staff and Students Relationships Policy and Supplementary Guidance had been withdrawn and would be brought to the next meeting.

451. King's Affair Constitution

Council discussed a proposed Constitution for the King's Affair. The draft had been created by Aliya Mueller-Koegler, King's Affair Chair 2025, in consultation with the Senior Tutor and Domus Bursar, KCSU and KCGU, and the King's Affair Committees 2025 and 2026.

Council approved the Constitution for the King's Affair with the request to strengthen the wording of clause 7, Rules Guiding Contracts, to clarify that contracts must be shared with the Lay Dean and Domus Bursar.

Council stressed that the Constitution was approved without commitment to authorising an event in 2026.

452. Prevent Review/Risk Assessment

The Senior Tutor introduced the Prevent Risk Assessment. This had been reviewed fully last year, and no changes to the Risk Assessment are recommended for this year.

Council agreed the Prevent Risk Assessment for the Academic Year 2025/26.

453. Accident and Incident Reporting

Council noted the implementation of SmartLog software for incident and accident reporting. The system would be accessible through QR codes placed around the College to allow everyone to submit a report. Council noted that the software allowed the logging of follow-up actions, and would also be used to assist with compliance reporting.

454. Request for Permission to Film

Council received a request for permission for commercial filming for the TV series "The Chelsea Detective" on Tuesday 21 October 2025. Following extensive consultation with the Head of Communications and Communications Manager, the production company had been responsive and compliant with all requests. There were no concerns about the content of the series providing a reputational risk to the College. This would cause only minimal disruption to the College, and the Head of Visitor Services was satisfied with how the impact on visitor traffic would be managed.

Council approved the request for permission to film for the TV series “The Chelsea Detective” on Tuesday 21 October 2025.

Minutes

455. **Minutes of the Visitors Committee meeting on 18 June**

Noted.

456. **Minutes of the Gardens Committee meeting on 9 July**

Noted.

457. **Minutes of the Education Committee meeting on 17 July**

Noted.

458. **Any Other Business**

None.