

KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

At a meeting of the Council held
on Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 2.00pm in the Wine Room

Present:	Provost	In Attendance:	First Bursar
	Professor Sharman [Until		Senior Tutor
	15:30]		Vice-Provost [Until
	Professor Dunn		15:40]
	Dr Adhikari		Domus Bursar [Until
	Dr Taylor		15:30]
	Professor Hall		Registrar
	Professor Giannitsarou		
	Professor Candea [Until		For item 481:
	15:00]		Deputy Head Porter
	Ms Headen		Lay Dean
	Dr Good		Head of Housekeeping
	*Mr Erwig		Head of Catering
	*Ms Olumide-Wahab		Services
	*Ms Kadlecova		

*Open Business

470. **Apologies for Absence**

Professor Griffiths and Mr Gasienica-Ciulacz apologised for their absence.

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471. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

472. **Minutes of Open Business 24th October 2023**

Approved.

473. **Matters arising**

None.

474. **Oral reports**

The Senior Tutor reported on University proposals relating to undergraduate admissions committees. The Office of Intercollegiate Services have proposed the creation of a merged committee to deal with both the strategic and procedural aspects of admissions (currently considered by separate committees). The proposals originate in a 2021 review of the undergraduate admissions model. The Senior Tutor expressed strong concerns about the implications of the proposal regarding colleges' control of their own admissions processes, and several member of Council echoed these strong concerns. The Senior Tutor asked Council to consider the documents she has circulated to all Fellows, which include the proposed committee's terms of reference, and to provide their views. Council's views will inform a paper for Governing Body on this

matter in Lent 2024, discussion of which by Governing Body she hopes will establish the College's position.

Council asked the Senior Tutor to bring a paper on this matter to the next meeting to support Council discussing the issue in full.

475. **Council Timetable – Open Matters**

The College Auditors and the Audit & Scrutiny Committee will attend the next meeting of Council to discuss the Audit Report.

The Domus Bursar will deliver the Visitor Department Report as part of the Quarterly Update at the next meeting.

The Senior Tutor has convened a working group, via the Education Committee, to review the College Safeguarding Policy. She hopes this will come to the next Council meeting.

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

Review of Chapel pop-up shop success in agenda. Draft financial regulations and proposals for Council training due before the end of term.

Principal Items of Business

Operational

477. **Access to the Turing Sculpture**

The Keeper of the College Collections sought Council's permission for various initiatives (during 2024 in the first instance) with a view to facilitating visitor access to the Turing sculpture. The Visitors' Committee discussed the proposals on Friday 3rd November and had asked that permission would be granted for one year only, to facilitate review, and that a wider range of explanatory material to accompany the statute should be considered (rather than a leaflet only, as proposed in the paper).

The Visitor Committee have asked for confirmation of the security of the sculpture, which is being looked into.

Council noted the proximity of the statue to the library and asked that plans be progressed with both students' academic work, and their broader engagement with the statute and its visitors, in mind.

Council agreed that:

- 1) A group consisting of the Chair of the Turing Committee, Head of the Visitors Department, Director of Development, Head of Communications, Domus Bursar, Jean Michel Massing and Tim Griffin may:

- a) organise one annual Open day in 2024 when the Turing sculpture is accessible free of charge;

- b) organise six/eight days out of term time in 2024 when paying visitors can, pre-booked and for no extra charge, be taken in groups to see the sculpture at close range, possibly guided by a group such as the Blue Badge Guides
- c) consult with local schools with a view to making it possible for free group visits on certain pre-bookable days in 2024 for local schools, teacher-guided; and
- d) produce a interpretive material to accompany visits to the sculpture.

Council asked the Domus Bursar to report to Council on the outcome of these activities during Michaelmas term 2024, and bring to Council proposals for long-term arrangements for visitor access to the Turing sculpture.

478. **Cambridge Festival**

The First Bursar bought proposals to host sustainability related events on the grassed area at the front of College as part of the Cambridge Festival's family weekend in March 2024.

Council discussed how the College community might best contribute to the events.

Council agreed to allow the Cambridge Festival to use the area in front of the screens to host sustainability related events during its family weekend, 23-24 March 2024, and asked the First Bursar to explore how the King's community can be engaged in the event.

479. **Pop-up Shop Review**

The Domus Bursar reported on the success of the summer season 'pop-up' shop. She praised the Head of Visitor Services and made a request for permission to progress plans for next year.

Council discussed how provision for visitors at the pop-up site could be expanded or improved. Council also considered the impact increased footfall could have on exam season, and potential mitigations.

The Domus Bursar agreed to ask the Visitors' Committee to consider whether the College could provide toilets at the shop, and other ways the shop could expand the scope of a visit to King's.

Council agreed:

- 1) To permit the Domus Bursar and Visitors' Department to:
 - a) Submit another planning request to the City Council for permission to erect a pop up shop for the 2024 visitor season; and
 - b) Extend the pop-up shop's operation to April to September;

Council agreed to ask the Domus Bursar to provide Council with an update on any changes to the location or orientation of the unit in due course.

480. Preparation for Committee Business in 2024

In preparation for 2024 College committee business, the Registrar asked Council to endorse initiatives which, together, she hopes will clarify committee processes and support.

Council discussed records of committee papers and asked for improved access for members of Governing Body. There are some historic documentation issues that the Registrar is aiming to resolve. However, the Registrar believes the College has reasonably complete records of Governing Body and Council papers and she undertook to explore making these available to the Governing Body as soon as possible. Committee papers will also be made available, as meetings report, with the historic record also provided once it has been appropriately catalogued.

Council agreed to endorse the Registrar's proposals for management of College committees and ask her to implement them in preparation for committee business in 2024.

Compliance

481. Prevent Review Return 2023

Mr Erwig and Ms Olumide-Wahab left for this item. They are KCSU representatives and the Union have voted to boycott Prevent return discussions.

The Lay Dean, Head of Catering Services, Head Housekeeper, and Deputy Head Porter (who, along with Council, make up the College's Prevent Committee) attended for this item.

The Senior Tutor spoke to her paper, which provides a background for discussion for the annual Prevent Review. She asked members of the Prevent Committee to check if they have completed Prevent training in the last two years; if they have not then they must complete it over the next year.

Council agreed:

- 1) to approve the Prevent Return 2023; and
- 2) to agree the Provost completing and signing the Annual Accountability Declaration.

482. Minutes of the Buildings & Safety Committee meeting on 10th October 2023

Noted.

483. Minutes of the IT Committee meeting on 23rd October 2023

Noted.

484. **Any Other Business**

Professor Candea raised the Justice for Supervisors movement and asked Council to consider the College's position in relation to this issue. The Senior Tutor had raised the University's teaching review, which is aimed at some of the concerns of Justice for Supervisors, at the previous Congregation. As the review is not scheduled to conclude for some time Council agreed to postpone discussion of the issue until a later date.