

**CONFIDENTIAL**  
**KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE**

At a meeting of the Council held  
on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 at 2pm in the Audit Room and via Zoom

<i>Present:</i>	Provost	<i>In</i>	Vice-Provost
	Dr Ainslie	<i>Attendance:</i>	Senior Tutor
	Dr Adams		First Bursar
	Dr Dolan		Domus Bursar
	Professor Dunn		
	Professor Griffin		* <i>Open business only</i>
	Professor Perry		
	Dr Srinivasan		*Ms Brenna Salkin
	Professor Griffiths		*Mr Tom Pugh
			*Mr A Provost
			*Mr A Motloch

**Apologies for Absence**

None

**OPEN BUSINESS**

**388. Declarations of Interest**

*None.*

**389. Minutes of Open Matters of 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**

*Approved.*

**390. Matters arising**

*None.*

**391. Council timetable & action list**

It was agreed to consider student numbers in Lent 2022.

**392. Oral reports**

The First Bursar and Senior Tutor updated the Council on the COVID situation. While infection rates within the College remain low, numbers were rising in the City and County. Efforts continue to encourage all students to take part in the asymptomatic testing. Members of College are generally continuing to behave responsibly.

## **Principal Items of Business**

### **393. Annual Prevent Return**

*The College Prevent Committee attended for this item.*

It was reported that the training programme has been revised. Heads of Department will encourage staff to complete training.

Council agreed the Prevent return and the Provost has signed the annual accountability declaration.

### **394. Annual Review of the Prevent Risk Assessment**

*Noted.*

### **395. Implementation of the Prevent Duty**

*Noted.*

### **396. Safeguarding of Children at Risk Policy**

Council shared concerns that the report was too optimistic on the matter of accepting 18 or under students. It was noted that the College does not have the capacity to accommodate under 18 students (with the possible exception of those who turn 18 by the end of their first Term).

The safeguarding Officers were asked to produce a revised report.

## **Other Items for Discussion**

### **397, 398. Reading Week Consultation**

The Senior Tutor asked for feedback on a proposed response to a consultation on a mid-term Reading Week, to relieve the stress on students due to the intensity of the current eight-week term. The KCSU had conducted a survey suggesting that 75% were in favour of a Reading Week. However Council members expressed concerns that in some faculties the workload might actually increase, and that the proposal would not address the problems it was directed towards alleviating.

A query was raised as to whether the proposal is an effective way to handle students' mental health help problems. The KCGS representatives suggested that ways should be found to address the root of the problem, for example by teaching students how to manage their work load or how to write an academic paper. Reading week needs to have the correct controls in place if this was to go ahead

Council did not support the proposal. The Senior Tutor agreed to submit a response expressing reservations.

14:53 *Dr Srinivasan left*

#### **399. Chapel Roof Replacement: Photovoltaics**

The Domus Bursar presented a paper inviting Council to endorse £15K additional expenditure on the Chapel Roof project to prepare the case for installing solar panels on the Chapel roof. Carrying out the replacement would reduce environmental impact and would be a good way to demonstrate that King's College is proactive about this. It was necessary to do further work to persuade Historic England to approve the proposal.

Council agreed to recommend to the Governing Body that it approve additional expenditure of £15k towards the proposal to install Photovoltaic panels on the roof of the Chapel as part of the ongoing Roof Replacement Project.

#### **400. Hedgehog Charity Ball**

Council agreed to allow Hall to be used for a Hedgehog Charity Ball on Saturday 19 November 2022.

#### **401. Junior Members' Handover Period**

Council agreed to approve the attendance of two undergraduates as observers to one Council meeting where relevant in the KCSU handover process.

#### **402. Review of Policies**

Council agreed to defer consideration of some of the policies but noted that some policies need to be revised. Council needs to decide how long such policy revisions will be delayed and consider whether some of those that are overdue are still relevant. This will be brought back for discussion next term and in future the policies list will be reviewed at the last meeting of every term. Post-COVID policy is to be reviewed before the end of the academic year.

#### **403. Development Gifts of £10,000 and more**

Council noted the report.

#### **404. King's Affair 2022**

Council considered two proposals for the staging of the 2022 King's Affair, and preferred Plan A which seeks to retain use of existing facilities (except for the Bunker) and asked that the KA Committee work to this plan, observing a

deadline of March 2022 to commit themselves. Council also asked that the Committee exercise care in not over committing themselves, making use of rollover contracts should the event have to be cancelled. Use of the College Bar was discussed, and Council noted that a separate strand of work is in hand to consider wider use of this space. Council approved the KA Launch Event in February 2022, noting additional work between the Committee and Head of Catering to agree the launch event location.

#### **405. Termly Development Report**

*Noted.*

### **Business for Report**

#### **406. \*\*\*Visitor Department Annual Report 2021**

It was agreed to note the Visitor Department Annual Report July 2020 to June 2021 and endorse it for Governing Body acceptance.

#### **407. \*\*\*Development Committee Minutes 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

*Noted.*

#### **408. \*\*\*Gift Acceptance Policy**

Council accepted the Development Gift Acceptance Policy.

#### **409. \*\*\*Junior Members' Proposal for a Bake Sale**

It was agreed that students be allowed to host a bake sale in the Chetwynd Room on Sunday 28 November in aid of Pink Week.

#### **410. \*\*\*Keeper of College Collections Report**

Council noted the report.

### **Any Other Business**

A query was raised concerning Library opening hours. It was reported that discussions are ongoing with some students concerning restrictions on opening due to COVID safety measures. The Provost offered to investigate other study spaces in the College to mitigate the effects of evening Library closure. There will be further discussions after Christmas including consideration of providing mechanical ventilation.