



The
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The Council, 24 February 2020

Report of the Council Nominations Committee

Date: February 2020 (business conducted by correspondence)

Chair: Mr T Pedder

Secretary: Mr D T Swinn

1. **Class (3) membership of Council**

Council Nominations Committee recommends the appointment of Ms Claire Brownlie as a Class (3) member of Council, for the period 2020-2022.

Council is asked to approve the appointment.

Council Nominations Committee considered a number of potential candidates for Council membership from amongst the University's alumni and identified Ms Brownlie as the outstanding candidate. The vacancy was also advertised externally via several online portals and the University's webpages but no expressions of interest were received. The Chair of Council, President & Vice-Chancellor and University Secretary have held a successful meeting with Ms Brownlie, who has confirmed her willingness in being considered for appointment to Council.

Further biographical information is set out below:

Claire Brownlie is the Managing Director of Mira Kelly, a fundraising consultancy for not for profit organisations. She has worked in Advancement (Public Relations, Alumni Engagement and Development) in the higher education sector since the 1990s, most recently as Director of Development at Queen Mary University. She has worked at Sheffield, Nottingham and Manchester as well, leading teams who were and are at the forefront of alumni engagement best practice. As a qualified executive coach, she coaches leaders and entrepreneurs both within HE and in other sectors. She has also run a small business and provided consultancy in public relations.

She studied at the University of Sheffield and served as President of the Students' Union in 1995/96. She has been an active member of Alumni Board since it started and has also served on the Honorary Degrees Committee, and stands down from both committees this year.

2. **Election of a Senate Member to Class(4) Membership of Council**

Council is asked to note that Dr David Forrest, Faculty Director of Learning and Teaching (Arts and Humanities) has been elected unopposed to Class (4) membership of the Council, with effect from February 2020 for the period to July 2022.

