



The  
University  
Of  
Sheffield.

Office UEB/2018/2702/01  
Of The  
President &  
Vice-Chancellor.

## **Minutes University Executive Board**

**Date:** 20 February 2018

**Present:** Professor G Valentine (GV) (in the Chair),  
Mrs H J Dingle (HJD), Mr A Dodman (AD),  
Professor D Hadley (DH), Professor M J Hounslow (MJH),  
Professor D Petley (DP), Professor C Watkins (CW)

**In attendance:** Dr T Strike (TS), Mr M Butler (MB) (item 1), Mrs S Grocutt (SG) (item 2),  
Mrs V E Jackson (VEJ) (item 3)

**Apologies:** Professor Sir Keith Burnett (KB), Professor J Derrick (JD),  
Professor W Morgan (WM), Professor Dame Pamela J Shaw (PJS)

**Secretary:** Mr M Borland (MJB)

### **1. Closed Minute and Paper**

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### **3. Corporate Financial Report for the period ended 31 January 2018 (UEB/2018/2002/003)**

(Vicki Jackson in attendance for this item)

UEB considered the monthly Corporate Financial Report for the 6 month period ending 31 January 2018, which provided year to date income and expenditure figures, and outturn forecasts for income and expenditure at the University, Faculty and Departmental level.

Providing this monthly report to UEB was welcomed, and in particular the level of granularity that the report provided. During discussion concerns were expressed regarding the performance of the AMRC. It was desirable that the forecasting of expenditure was enhanced.

Work on the five year forecasts was currently taking place and a first draft of the forecasts was scheduled to go to UEB on 24 April.

#### **ACTION**

To discuss performance of the AMRC at a meeting scheduled to take place in the week commencing 26 February.

### **4. Post-18 Funding Review (UEB/2018/2002/004a-d)**

UEB received a briefing paper on the Post-18 Funding Review and three background papers. An Independent Panel set up by Government as part of the Review would

provide input in to the Review but it was not yet known how this body would take evidence or the consultation it would undertake.

Attention was to drawn to the invitation for the Chief Operating Officer (COO) to serve on a Russell Group Advisory Group being established to assist in developing a Russell Group response to the Post-18 Funding Review. The Advisory Group was anticipated to have members from a range of institutions and from a range of roles.

Comments made in discussion included:

- Almost half the costs of the existing funding scheme were met by Government, but there was very little visibility of Government's contribution.
- The Russell Group response to the Review should focus on the implications of any changes for students, rather than any financial implications for universities.
- There was a need to ensure that the broader benefits of HE were understood. For example, the input to, and the impact on the local economy.
- There were public benefits from graduates choosing to enter professions that would not provide a high income, e.g. social workers. The purpose of higher education is broader than the salary a graduate obtains.
- The balance within the University between degree-level and apprentices would vary depending upon the subject. It could be worth giving consideration to the implications of a change in this balance.
- Information on the income the University received and the expenditure incurred from teaching apprentices was available.
- There would be a benefit in referring to 'STEM M' to include medicine in the acronym.
- Further detail would be required before scenario modelling was undertaken.

## **ACTION**

The COO to update UEB following the first meeting of the Russell Group Advisory Group scheduled for 27 February.

## **5. Round table**

- (a) Centres for Doctoral Training (CDT): DP updated UEB on the process to select bids for the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council's CDT. 21 potential bids led by the University had been reduced to 13, and the University was a partner in 20 bids that were led by another institution. UEB were content with the financial implications for faculties if there were a greater number of successful bids than anticipated.
- (b) President and Vice-Chancellor: AD provided an update on the process to appoint the next P&VC.
- (c) Proposed Rents for Residential Accommodation in 2018-19: HJD informed UEB that since the paper was considered at UEB on 13 February the Students' Union has said that in principle it was opposed to rent increases above the rate of inflation.
- (d) UEB Membership: GV reported that the Director of Academic Services would be a member of UEB from the week commencing 26 February 2018.