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| **Hastings Local Board Committee** |

**Minutes**

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| Date | 11 November 2020 | Time | 3 pm |
| Venue | <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7338923825?pwd=eDl1aW1KdFNXQmtYV3Fkek1GZGJmdz09>  Meeting ID: 733 892 3825  Passcode: Brighton24 | | |
| Chair | Ian Mehrtens | | |
| **Membership:** Tim Hulme, Susan Bonett, Marie Sangster (Staff), Tracy Griffin (staff), Hilary Morawska, Carlotta Zorzi, Paul Turton, Tim Clark, Mia Bryden  **In attendance:** Dan Shelley (occasional invitee)  **Guest speaker:** Billy Wood | | | |
| **Apologies:** | | | |

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|  | **Item** | **Action** | **By whom** | **By when** |
|  | **Apologies and welcomes to all**  IM introduced new members of the board and asked everyone to introduce themselves. IM was particularly pleased to see new independent members of the Board as part of its refreshed remit. |  |  |  |
|  | **Declarations of Interest** |  |  |  |
|  | **Guest Speaker: Billy Wood, CEO and Chairman of Hastings United**  SB introduced Billy Wood and he went on to explain the relationship and project with ESCG Hastings. IM thanked BW for giving up his time and we look forward to a deepening relationship over the coming years. | IM asked for any engagement opportunities for partnership with Hastings United to be sent through | ALL |  |
|  | **Campus Update: COVID Cases and College response**  TH presented information on where the college group is now with reported and confirmed infections. There was discussion around why there might be a higher number of reported cases in Hastings. There was a discussion around the numbers of international students.DS reported that the impact on Host families for international students will have a big impact. |  |  |  |
|  | **Minutes of the meeting 11th May 2020 and matters arising.**  The minutes were agreed.  TH confirmed that all IT migrations have happened at Hastings.  TH updated on the current IT systems. | TH and SB to meet offline. | TH / SB |  |
|  | **Campus Update from Academic Lead**  SB highlighted items from her report.  IM asked about students with difficulties learning from home and SB explained the new Nightingale classrooms and how they will work for those students who need to learn at college.  Campus specialisms  DS outlined the campus specialism for Hastings and how we anticipate increasing student numbers.  There were discussions regarding progression and SB reported that more detailed information will be available in 2 weeks.  Student voice  SB reported that this is an excellent reporting tool and is used well by students and staff. |  |  |  |
| **7)** | **Local stakeholder engagement**  **Strategy & feedback from Local Board Members**  DS reported on a Green Energy Bid.  He also outlined the plans for the ground floor of Station Plaza and a Youth Hub and other initiatives and programmes that are in part funded by a grant from Hastings Borough Council and will be undertaken this academic year. |  |  |  |
| **8)** | **Update on the emerging estates strategy for Hastings**  TH outline the estate strategy for the whole group.  There will be more time devoted to this item at the spring board meeting.  The information given in this meeting **confidential.** |  |  |  |
| **9)** | **New Terms of Reference confirmed**  The new ToR had already been circulated and IM confirmed that these had been agreed at the main board. |  |  |  |
| **10)** | **Programme of guest speakers for 2021 meetings**  There were many ideas for guest speakers. SB reported that she will be inviting industry specialists to visit Hastings Campus and will inform the board if any of them would like to be present at the time of the visit. | Send ideas for guest speakers to LM to collate for consideration. | ALL |  |
| **11)** | **Any other business** |  |  |  |