

MEETING OF MEMBERS OF BOLTON IMPACT TRUST

MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

TUESDAY 12 JULY 2022 AT 3.50 PM

Present: B Atkinson (BA), K Davies (KD) and T Grimshaw (TG)

In Attendance: V Gavin (VG) – Business Development Manager, P Hodgkinson (PH) – Executive Principal, D Smith (DS) - Finance Director and E Stoddard (ES) – Clerk to the Trust

KEITH DAVIES IN THE CHAIR

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

P Hodgkinson had indicated that he may arrive slightly late to the meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations of pecuniary interest were made.

3. APPOINTMENT OF TWO TRUSTEES

Today's meeting had been convened to consider the appointment of Julie Slater as a Trustee and to consider the re-appointment of Sue Hincks.

J Slater's details had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. Members agreed that J Slater could bring a wealth of experience to the Board in her role as CEO (Secondary) at Outwood Grange. A member asked if this would present a conflict of interest considering that BIT were in talks with Outwood Grange about potential partnership work.

PH joined the meeting at this point.

PH reported that he had spoken with Vicky Beer, and she had confirmed that many people now sat on different Trust Boards to enable their skills and experience to be shared. Schools were increasingly expected to build local partnerships so this would be something that may start to emerge more frequently. J Slater would need to declare her employment on her Register of Business Interest Form but would be appointed in her own right and not as an employee of Outwood Grange. If any matter arose that was considered as a conflict of interest, then J Slater would be asked to leave the meeting at this point. J Slater would also be subject to the same confidentiality rules as other Trustees and would be required to sign the Trust Code of Conduct.

PH stated that J Slater had a huge amount of experience in the education sector and proposed that she become a member of the Standards Committee rather than the Finance & Resources or Risk & Audit Committee to further reduce any potential conflicts of interest.

A member stated that his concerns had been mainly around the discussions on pricing, but these were mainly undertaken at the Finance & Resources Committee meetings,

so he was satisfied that this was unlikely to be an issue if J Slater sat on the Standards Committee.

It was agreed that the Chair of Trustees and Chairs of the Committees needed to be alert to J Slater's role and give consideration to any conflicts when setting agendas, particularly when discussing the WAVE 15 bid.

Members were informed that S Hincks' term of office as a Trustee was due to expire and were asked to consider her re-appointment to the Trust Board. PH stated that S Hincks' input and challenge into the Risk & Audit Committee had been invaluable and her commitment to vulnerable children was outstanding.

- Resolved:**
- i) That J Slater be appointed as a Trustee and join the Standards Committee
 - ii) That S Hincks be re-appointed as a Trustee

4. CONFIDENTIALITY

Agreed: That no items of discussion at this meeting be designated as confidential in accordance with the Academy's Memorandum and Articles of Association:

With no further business the meeting closed at 4.00 pm.

Signed as a correct record: _____

Date: _____

(Chair of Members Board)