

SPARSHOLT COLLEGE HAMPSHIRE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
held on 26 January 2023 at 16:00
at Sparsholt College

¹PRESENT: J Emm (SCS); G Davies (E); N Hopkins (E, Chair); C McCormack (E); P Jordan (E); J Lander (E); M Lauder (E, Co-Vice Chair); J Milburn (P); N Moody (E); S Morgan (E); J Orłowski (St); C Wilson (E, Co-Vice Chair).

In attendance: S Grant – Deputy Principal
N Heslop - Director of Finance
S Willson - Head of Corporate Governance

APOLOGIES

1. Apologies were received from T Floyd, G Morris, A Neal, H Perry and S Rai.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

2. There were no interests to declare.

T LEVELS CAPITAL FUND

3. The Board of Governors had received the report of the Vice Principal Curriculum (Andover) proposing the submission of an application to Wave 5 of the T Level Capital Fund (TLCF) to support the delivery of the T Level in Business Administration from September 2024 at Andover College, with the proposed floor plan. The facility will also be utilised by learners studying law and accounting.
4. The Board noted the conditions of Wave 5 of the TLCF, including a project investment of £250k-£650k per T Level route and an expectation of 50% match funding by the College, subject to an affordability assessment. The projects would normally be required to be delivered by September 2024.
5. The Principal introduced the proposals, explaining the work to develop the design and costings with specialist consultants was due to be finalised shortly, with an upper limit for the project set at £400k.
6. Members sought additional information about the plans for the redevelopment of the Malborough Study Centre and 6th form common room for the delivery of the T Level and the repositioning of the area as 'The Andover Business Skills Centre', linking with local business to support students to become 'work-ready' and access industry work placements.
7. In response, the Principal confirmed that the College would also be exploring the delivery of more adult learning for the Andover community in the future and that the building

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would have separate heating and lighting controls in order that facilities could be used efficiently outside of normal hours.

8. The Board was satisfied that the application aligned with the College’s property strategy and curriculum plan and that it was in the interests of the College to enable investment in the Andover campus to provide learners with up-to-date learning facilities which best prepared them for future employment.
9. **Resolved** – that the College apply to the T Level Capital Fund (Wave 5) for the proposed capital project to support the delivery of the Business Administration T Level at the Andover campus, requesting match funding in line with published DfE guidance, with the balance funded by a contribution from the College.
10. **Resolved** – that the proposed match funding to enable delivery of the T Level project from the College’s capital budget for 2023-24 of up to £200k be approved.

TEACHING & LEARNING

11. The Principal reported that the SLT had decided that 3 February would be a ‘distance learning day’, with teaching taking place online, in order to mitigate against disruption to staff and students likely to be caused by strike action from rail workers and school teachers. The Board noted the measures being taken.
12. Confidential matters were recorded separately.
13. The meeting ended at 16:20.