

**SPARSHOLT COLLEGE HAMPSHIRE**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**held on 15 May 2025 at 15:30**  
**at the Sparsholt Campus**

**<sup>1</sup>PRESENT:** G Davies (E); S Duckering (E); J Emm (SCS); T Floyd (E); N Hopkins (E, Chair); P Jordan (E); J Milburn (P); H Perry (S); A Rowley (E); N Shorter (E); N Wall (E).

In attendance: S Grant – Chief Operating Officer  
N Heslop – Chief Financial Officer  
D Mernagh – Vice Principal & Dean of Higher Education  
B Stokes – Vice Principal Curriculum (Andover)  
M Treagust – Vice Principal Curriculum (Sparsholt)  
S Willson - Head of Corporate Governance

**APOLOGIES**

103 Apologies were received from X Ferreira-Pike, J Loretto, C McCormack, N Moody, A Neal, F Obiero and M Wall.

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

104 There were no new interests to declare.

**ACCOUNTABILITY STATEMENT**

105 The Board had received and reviewed the report of the Principal on the Annual Accountability Statement 2025-26.

106 The Board noted that the updated DfE national skills priorities had been reviewed by the Curriculum, Skills and Stakeholders Committee, alongside the three-year curriculum plan, and the Principal highlighted a high degree of alignment between the national skills priorities, the regional Local Skills Improvement Plan and the college's curriculum offer.

107 Members explored the regulatory and funding context for the Accountability Statement, noting that delivery of the targets was discussed at the Annual Strategic Conversation with the DfE and discussing the wider strategic context in relation to adult skills funding and devolution plans for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. It was confirmed that the DfE did not currently operate any financial penalties for colleges not delivering their Accountability Statement targets.

108 In relation to the inclusion of Skills Bootcamps in the objectives for 2025/26, the COO explained that the college had been approved as a skills training supplier for Hampshire County Council (HCC) but that the application process to deliver new Skills Bootcamps had not yet opened so there was a potential for delay.

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<sup>1</sup> (E) = External; (P) = Principal; (S) = Staff; (SCS) = Sparsholt College Services Staff Governor; (St) = Student

- 109 Questioned by the Curriculum, Skills and Stakeholders Committee Chair on the proposed recruitment targets for new T Levels to be rolled out in 2025-26, the Principal confirmed that the targets were decided on the basis that this would be the first year of the qualifications and that the levels were operationally viable.
- 110 **Resolved** – that the Annual Accountability Statement 2025-26 be approved and that authority be delegated to the Chair of Governors and Principal to sign off minor amendments if required prior to submission to the DfE by the deadline of 30 June 2025.
- 111 The meeting ended at 15:50.

***Approved: Board of Governors meeting 10 July 2025***