



EXTRAORDINARY **BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Minutes of the meeting held
on Thursday 31 January 2013**

PRESENT: Sir M Thornton (Chairman)
Mr P Abernethy
Mr T Aldus
Ms N Benson
Mrs K Byrne
Mrs C Dove
Mr R Hill
Mr P Holme
Mr A Holroyd
Dr P Livsey
Sir B Massie
Mr B McCann
Mr R McGee
Mr G Morris
Ms D Shackleton
Mr J Stopforth
Professor N Weatherill

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms J Bertolini (Finance Director and Deputy Chief Executive)
Mr C Davies (Director of Estates Management)
Mr P Evans (Strategy Management Director)
Ms K Johnston (Dean, Faculty of Education, Community and Leisure) and (Dean, Faculty of Health and Applied Social Studies)
Ms J Martin (Director of Marketing and Corporate Communications)
Professor D Meehan (Dean, Faculty of Technology & Environment)
Professor M Parkinson (Director of the European Institute for Urban Affairs)
Mr M Power (Registrar and Deputy Chief Executive)
Ms L Sutcliffe (Executive Assistant, Secretariat)
Mrs D Tipping (Meeting Secretary)
Ms A M Wild (University Secretary and Deputy Chief Executive)

LJMU 13.01 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr J Carson, Mr P Hyland, Professor P Lisboa and Mr S Kenny.

LJMU 13.02 **DECISIONS ARISING FROM THE STRATEGIC WORKSHOP**

The Board of Governors **agreed** that in the intervening period before the 26th February Workshop and the Board of Governors Meeting on 25th March 2013, the Chairman of the Board and the Chairman of Finance Committee would take any Chairs' actions in relation to estate planning matters as discussed at the Workshop immediately prior to this meeting.

Secretary's Note: The Attendees listed above left the meeting at this point with the exception of Mrs D Tipping (Meeting Secretary) and Ms A M Wild (University Secretary and Deputy Chief Executive).

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SUCCESSION OF THE CHANCELLOR

It was **reported** that:

- The Nominations Committee held on 19 December 2012 had considered a shortlist of 12 eminent candidates for the position of Chancellor, which would become vacant on the retirement of Dr Brian May CBE in March 2013.
- The Nominations Committee was pleased to recommend to the Board the appointment of the Right Honourable Sir Brian Leveson as the new Chancellor for the University. Sir Brian received an Honorary Fellowship from the University in July 2012 and had previously presented a Roscoe Lecture. The Nominations Committee was pleased to report that Sir Brian had been approached and was honoured to accept the position subject to approval from the Board.
- The Board also noted that the honorary position of Emeritus Chancellor had been offered to Dr Brian May and had been accepted.
- Further information would be provided at a later date regarding the installation ceremony which would probably take place during Graduation week, and also other opportunities for Governors to meet with Sir Brian.

It was **commented** that:

- Sir Brian had met the criteria for the position, a copy of which had been provided to all Board members previously, and would be well received both externally and internally, internationally, nationally and locally, and would provide a further opportunity for the University to articulate its vision to be recognized as a modern civic university. In particular, it was expected that the new Chancellor would be active on aspects of the University's civic engagement agenda.
- It was also recognized that Sir Brian had played a key part in advocating equality for women which ties in with the University's values.

The Board **endorsed** the recommendation of the Nominations Committee for the appointment of the Right Honourable Sir Brian Leveson to the position of Chancellor of Liverpool John Moores University.

Secretary's Note: This information is confidential to the Board until such time as formal announcements have been agreed with the outgoing and incoming Chancellors and to ensure that the announcement is optimised for the University. The effective date of handover is 1st April 2013.