

The University of Manchester

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Tuesday, 4 May 2021 (meeting held via video conference)

Present: Mr Edward Astle (in the Chair), President and Vice-Chancellor, Mrs Ann Barnes (Deputy Chair), Mr Nana Agyeman, Mr Michael Crick, Mr Colin Gillespie, Dr Reinmar Hager, Mr Nick Hillman, Ms Caroline Johnstone, Dr Neil McArthur, Mr Robin Phillips, Mr Andrew Spinoza, Dr Delia Vazquez, Dr Jim Warwicker, Mrs Alice Webb, and Ms Ros Webster(16)

Apologies: Prof Claire Alexander, Mr Gary Buxton, Prof Danielle George, Prof Steve Jones, Mr Kwame Kwarteng (General Secretary of UMSU), Mrs Bridget Lea and Mr Richard Solomons

In attendance: The Registrar, Secretary and Chief Operating Officer (RSCOO), the Deputy President and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the Chief Financial Officer, the Vice-President (Learning, Teaching and Students), Mr Stephen Dauncey, Ms Tracey Tarbatt and the Deputy Secretary.

(NB: The formal meeting was followed by an informal Board briefing on ID Manchester as a precursor to a formal recommendation being submitted to the Board meeting on 19 May 2021.)

1. Recommendation for the appointment of external auditors

Received:

(1) A report setting out the results of an Accelerated Restricted Procedure (following an earlier Negotiated Tender Procedure) for the appointment of the University's external auditors and the recommendation from Audit and Risk Committee.

(2) As reported to the Board meeting on 24 March 2021, following the previous procedure, issues had come to light in relation to the University's status as a Public Interest Entity which had necessitated a further procedure.

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(3) Under the second procedure, Audit and Risk Committee considered three bids and in accordance with Financial Reporting Council requirements for Public Interest Entities (PIEs) presented two bids to the Board of Governors for their consideration,

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Redacted – Restricted Information The preferred bid was from PKF Littlejohn based on the Bidder Responses and their performance at the Audit Clarification meeting on Thursday 29th April and the Audit and Risk Committee recommend their appointment to the Board.

(4) References had been provided by PKF Littlejohn and would be taken up before confirmation of the appointment.

Agreed: subject to receipt of satisfactory references, that PKF Littlejohn be appointed as external auditors for a term of three years.