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KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

for the year ended 31 July 2018

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Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel are defined as members of the College's Executive Management Group. For 2017/18 and 2016/17 the members were:

Helen Hammond - Principal and CEO, Accounting Officer
Judy Hallam - Interim Deputy Principal (to 30 June 2017) (0.8 f.t.e. appointment)
Maria Rosenthal - Deputy Principal (from 1 July 2017)
Martin Jones - Vice Principal
Lisa Potter - Assistant Principal
Charlie Coles - MIS Director
Patrick Condon - Head of HR (to 30 June 2017)

Board of Governors

A full list of Governors is given on page 18 of the financial statements.

The position of Clerk to the Corporation was held by Bill Barker (0.5 f.t.e. appointment)

MEMBERS' REPORT INCLUDING THE STRATEGIC REPORT for the year ended 31 July 2018

The Board of Governors, who are directors for the purposes of the Companies Act and trustees for the purposes of the Charities Act, hereinafter referred to as the Corporation, present their annual report and the audited financial statements of the Working Men's College Corporation ("the College" or "WMC") for the year ended 31 July 2018.

NATURE, OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

Legal Status

The Working Men's College Corporation is an Institute of Adult Learning (IAL), (formerly known as a 'Specialist Designated Institution' (SDI)), under the Further and Higher Education Act 1992. It is also a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital and it is a registered charity. The College is subject to the legal framework governing the Further Education sector, including the rules set from time to time by the Government departments and agencies with responsibility for the sector. During 2017/18 these were the Department for Education (DfE) and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). The College is also subject to the requirements of the Companies Act and the Charities Act.

The College's financial affairs are governed by Financial Memoranda with the EFSA. In addition the College, as a charitable company limited by guarantee, is governed by the charitable company's memorandum and articles of association.

The College also meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes as set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010. Accordingly, the College is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains covered by the relevant legislation, provided that they are applied to exclusively charitable purposes.

Mission

The Corporation keeps the mission statement and strategic objectives under regular review. The mission was reviewed during 2015/16 and the updated mission statement of the College which was adopted is:

"To provide diverse, enriching and enjoyable lifelong learning including skills for work, in a supportive environment for adults in Camden and the local area."

Objectives

In support of its mission, Working Men's College aims to:

- Provide an outstanding education for adults, in which all learners can achieve their personal, educational and training goals and maximise their potential.
- Provide an inclusive learning environment with all the support necessary to promote equality and diversity, freedom of expression and social responsibility.
- Meet the needs of the local communities with programmes which promote community cohesion and address the problems of disadvantage and deprivation; especially by providing opportunities for local residents to improve their language, literacy and numeracy skills.
- Work in partnership with the London Borough of Camden, other colleges and providers, local voluntary organisations, funding bodies and others who share our goals.
- Work with local employers to meet the demands of a skills-based economy and with local people to ensure they can get the skills needed to get local jobs.
- Celebrate its unique history and engage positively with the past, while finding new ways to pursue its founders' aims into the 21st century.

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Public Benefit

The College is a registered charity and following the machinery of Government changes in July 2016, is regulated by the Secretary of State for Education as Principal Regulator for all Further Education Corporations in England. The Governors of the Corporation, who are trustees of the charity, are disclosed on page 18.

In setting and reviewing the College's strategic objectives, the Corporation has had due regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and particularly upon its supplementary guidance on the advancement of education. The guidance sets out the requirement that all organisations wishing to be recognised as charities must demonstrate, explicitly, that their aims are for the public benefit.

In delivering its mission, the College provides the following identifiable public benefits through the advancement of education:

- · High quality teaching and learning;
- Widening participation and tackling social exclusion;
- Excellent employment record for students;
- · Strong student support systems;
- · Links with employers in industry and commerce; and
- Links with Local Enterprise Partnerships.

Further information and examples of the delivery of public benefit are covered throughout the remainder of the Members' Report.

Strategic Planning

College Governors and managers developed a new 3-year strategic plan during 2015/16 which was approved by the Corporation in July 2016. The strategic objectives for 2016 - 2019 are set out below:

High quality provision and excellence for all

- Ensure all learners are supported and encouraged to meet their individual aims and objectives and progress towards long term goals.
- Provide an enriching learning experience that raises aspirations, celebrates success and promotes inclusion and diversity.
- Provide learning and progression opportunities for people and groups who find education hard to reach, in particular those who have had poor or little previous experience of learning.
- Offer a range of high quality provision which enables learning that leads to improved physical and mental health and social and emotional well-being as well as to improved economic circumstances.

Efficiency, effectiveness and sustainability

- Deploy the College's physical, human and virtual resources to optimise learning opportunities for students and provide greater efficiency for the College.
- Provide IT infrastructure and learning materials that facilitate and enhance both classroom and e-learning experiences, using technology and media readily accessible to learners.
- Invest in and develop systems, processes and resources that streamline service procedures for learners and staff, eliminate unnecessary bureaucracy and provide online access to core information.
- Identify relevant new funding and commercial income opportunities, pursuing those that will support sustainable new activities or expand existing provision on a timely basis.

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Partnership working

- Develop collaboration and closer working with London IALs for the benefit of all adult learners.
- Develop partnerships with other providers and businesses to provide opportunities for learning and learners that complement or extend their WMC studies.
- Support local self-employed and micro-businesses with development of essential business skills.
- Work with local public sector and third sector organisations to develop the numeracy, language and front line customer service skills of their workforces.

Accommodation Strategy

A key feature of previous strategic plans was the implementation of substantial remodelling of the College's grade II listed building at Crowndale Road, originally purpose built for the College in 1904. Two major phases of building between 2006 and 2012 included incorporating a café and library for students, refurbishment of the old gymnasium to provide new classrooms, internal accessibility to Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) standards including two new lifts, a new main entrance incorporating a disabled access lift and a new reception area and roof space offices for staff.

During 2016/17 Governors commenced development of a comprehensive new accommodation strategy to support the new strategic plan and reflect the outcomes of conditions surveys, utilisation reports and options analyses. The strong, emergent priority from this work and from the Learner Voice feedback was the need to address summer overheating and winter coldness in the teaching spaces on the front elevation of the College's main Victorian, listed building in Crowndale Road. An Estates Strategy Group (ESG) was formed to progress this project and, following a competitive market tender, a firm of mechanical and electrical (m&e) engineering consultants was appointed to appraise options for addressing the problems and proposing solutions.

During 2017/18 an options analysis was considered by Governors and a scheme to introduce a mixed mode ventilation system alongside a comprehensive new heating system was adopted. The scheme design utilises features of the existing structure of the Victorian building and is sympathetic to its grade II listed features. In April 2018, the scheme received local authority listed building approval and planning consent and in July 2018 the main contractor was appointed by the Governors following a thorough tendering process. The project represents an investment of over £2m and the works are scheduled in two phases, the first in summer 2018 and the second during 2019.

General Financial Objectives

The College's general financial objectives were revised in 2017 and reviewed, but not changed, during the year. The existing objectives approved by Governors in June 2017 are:

To maintain:

- Cash days of not less than 40 nor greater than 65
- An adjusted current ratio in the range of 2.0:1 − 2.5:1
- EBITDA, using ESFA education specific definition, of between 4% and 6% of income
- Borrowing as a %age of non-endowment reserves of less than 15%
- Staff costs (excluding restructuring costs) between 64% and 68% of income.
- Financial health of "Good" with a score of at least 200 points

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In 2017/18, each of the 6 financial objectives was met or exceeded as follows:

| <u>Objective</u> | 2017/18 | <u>Met</u> |
|--|-------------|------------|
| Cash days of not less than 40 nor greater than 65 | 184 | Exceeded |
| An adjusted current ratio in the range of 2.0:1 – 2.5:1 | 4.02 | Exceeded |
| EBITDA, using ESFA education specific definition, of between 4% and 6% of income | 18.9% | Exceeded |
| Borrowing as a %age of non-endowment reserves of less than 15% | 7.7 | Met |
| Staff costs (excluding restructuring costs) between 64% and 68% of income | 60.1 | Met |
| Financial health of "Good" with a score of at least 200 points | Outstanding | Exceeded |

At 31 July 2018, the College held considerably more than 65 cash days in hand which is being applied to the capital project outlined in the accommodation strategy section above.

Investment Fund Objectives

The College's investment fund financial objectives were revised in February 2014 and are as follows:

- To review fund management objectives at regular intervals and in response to changing market conditions.
- To achieve a balance between income and capital growth.
- To achieve a total return of "inflation plus 4%".
- To seek to invest the funds in the following proportions:
 - All in Newton's Global Growth and Income Fund for Charities (GGIFC).

At 31 July 2018, the proportions of investments by type were as follows:

- 100% in the Newton Global Growth and Income Fund for Charities.

The objectives have been reviewed during the year and are considered to remain appropriate.

At 1 August 2017 the investment portfolio was valued at £4.562 million. The investment income received during the year was £128,000 which equates to 2.8% of the opening valuation. The portfolio value had risen to £4.957 million by 31 July 2018 representing annual growth of 8.7%. These two elements give a combined total return of 11.5% which is in excess of the target of "inflation plus 4%".

Ofsted Inspection

Working Men's College's most recent inspection took place in November 2018 when it received grades of "Good" in every aspect, with "Outstanding" features in Personal Development Behaviour and Welfare (PDBW).

The College Governors and managers were pleased that this validated their own self-assessment of the College and provides a clear framework for developing the Quality Improvement plan for 2018-19.

The College's grades awarded by Ofsted were:

| Overall effectiveness | Good |
|---|------|
| Leadership and Management | Good |
| Quality of Teaching and Learning | Good |
| Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare | Good |
| Outcomes for Learners | Good |

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PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The College's performance against the Education and Skills Funding Agency's (ESFA's) revenue and learner number targets in 2017/18 is set out below:

16-18 Funding

| Funding Category | | Target (EFA contract) | Actual outturn (Final Claim) | Performance (%) |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 16-18 Learner- Responsive Funding | Funding Value | £211,000 | £ 165,000 | 78% |

Under the ESFA lagged funding rules, the College will receive the target funding value for the year and the under performance will be recognised in funding allocations for future years.

Adult Funding

| Funding Category | | Target (SFA contract) | Outturn (Final Claim) | Performance (%) |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Adult (19+) Learner- Responsive Funding (including 19+ Apprenticeships) | Adult Education Budget (AEB) | £4,261,044 | £4,404,330 | 103.4% |

In November 2018, the ESFA confirmed that it would fund colleges for delivery in excess of the funding target up to a maximum of 3%. Accordingly, the accounts recognise AEB funding income of £4,388,875 for the 2017/18 year.

Once again, the College has performed well in the year, especially in the Adult Education Budget which forms the vast majority of its funding income. In January 2018, it was successful in its application for a growth bid which increased the funding allocation by £228,000 to the revised target of £4,261,044 and this increased target was exceeded by the year end.

Other Funding

The table below shows the proportion of the College's income received in the form of direct funding body grants for the last five years:

| Year | Direct Grants £'000 | Total Income £'000 | % |
|---------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| 2013/14 | 4,595 | 5,809 | 79.1% |
| 2014/15 | 4,173 | 5,419 | 77.0% |
| 2015/16 | 4,370 | 5,559 | 78.6% |
| 2016/17 | 4,585 | 5,767 | 79.5% |
| 2017/18 | 4,679 | 5,883 | 79.5% |

The proportion of College income derived from direct grant funding has remained consistently in the range of 77 – 79.5% during the five year period. Nevertheless, the College remains committed to reducing its dependence on direct funding body grants.

Student tuition fees increased year on year from £699,000 in 2016/17 to £782,000 in the current year. The amounts received by the College through Advanced Learning Loans, for learners aged 19 or over who are studying at level 3 or higher, are included within fee income and, although these have generally not proved popular with learners, they contributed £60,000 of fee income in 2017/18 (2016/17 - £65,000). The College keeps the level of fees under constant and careful review in order to optimise income while ensuring that adult education remains accessible to as many people as possible.

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Learner Performance

The vast majority of the College's learners have enjoyed another successful year and continue to perform to high levels of overall achievement. The pass rate for non-accredited learners has been maintained at the very high level of 98.9%. All other retention rates, pass rates and overall achievement rates have improved for both accredited and non-accredited learners with the exception of retention of accredited learners which experienced a decline of 3.1 percentage points.

The table below shows student overall achievement for all College courses, as reported in the College self-assessment report.

Accredited Learners

| Year | Retention | Pass rate | Overall Achievement | Attendance |
|--|-----------|-----------|------------------------|------------|
| 2016/17 Actual | 94.4 % | 82.3 % | 77.7 % | 83.5 % |
| 2017/18 Target | 92% | 89% | 82% | 86% |
| 2017/18 Actual | 91.3% | 89.6% | 81.8% | 87.1% |
| Percentage point change 2017/18 over 2016/17 | (3.1) | 7.3 | 4.1 | 3.6 |

Non-Accredited Learners

| Year | Retention | Pass rate | Overall Achievement | Attendance |
|--|-----------|-----------|------------------------|------------|
| 2016/17 Actual | 95.0 % | 98.9 % | 93.9 % | 87.4 % |
| 2017/18 Target | 95% | 98% | 93% | 89% |
| 2017/18 Actual | 95.7% | 98.9% | 94.7% | 89.8% |
| Percentage point change 2017/18 over 2016/17 | 0.7 | - | 0.8 | 2.4 |

Other external performance indicators

The College is committed to observing the importance of sector measures and indicators and uses the FE Choices data available on the GOV.UK website which looks at measures such as overall achievement rates. The College is required to complete the annual Finance Record for the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). The Finance Record produces a financial health grading. Under the ESFA's new methodology for calculating the grade, the College achieves an "Outstanding" rating.

The whole College community of Governors, staff and learners was thrilled when the College became the first college in London and the first adult college nationally to be awarded chartered membership of the Chartered Institution for Further Education in summer 2018.

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STRATEGIC REPORT

FINANCIAL POSITION

Financial Results

The College is pleased that it has once again generated a surplus on continuing operations. The operational surplus of £856,000 for the year to 31 July 2018 (2017 - £396,000) is considerably better than the approved budget at the start of the year and represents 14.5% of total income of £5,883,000. As a non-profit making charity without shareholders, the College aims to make a modest annual surplus in order to maintain working capital, enable investment in resources and protect the ongoing activity but does not intend to accumulate profit; the surpluses from the last three financial years is enabling the capital project under the accommodation strategy to be delivered without recourse to borrowings or significantly diminishing underlying reserves.

The College purchased £287,000 of new tangible fixed asset additions during the year, of which £177,000 related to the early stages of the capital heating and ventilation project, £98,000 was computer equipment and £12,000 related to other building improvements, furniture, fixtures and fittings. At the end of the year, the College owned tangible fixed assets with a net book value of £6.113 million of which £5.747 million related to buildings, £189,000 related to computer and other equipment, fixtures and fittings and £177,000 to the heating and ventilation asset under construction.

Investments

The College's performance on its endowment investment portfolio is set out in note 12 to the accounts. The portfolio generated an income return of £128,000 during the year as well as appreciating in value by £395,000. The portfolio had a market value of £4.957 million at the balance sheet date.

Total comprehensive income in 2017/18, stated after investment gains and investment property losses, was £1,131,000 (2016/17: £552,000)

Reserves

As at 31 July 2018, general income and expenditure funds totalled £7,873,000 compared to the 2017 total of £7,174,000. The College also held restricted funds and endowments totalling £4,639,000 (2017: £4,207,000). These funds have been given to the College for particular purposes specified by donors and therefore are not available to the Corporation for general use although some of the endowments are classified as expendable.

Treasury Policies and Objectives

Treasury management is the management of the College's cash flows, its banking, money market and capital market transactions, the effective control of the risks associated with those activities and the pursuit of optimum performance consistent with those risks.

The College has a separate treasury management policy in place.

Cash Flows and Liquidity

There was a net cash inflow for the year of £703,000 (2017: inflow of £568,000).

Long Term Loans

The College has two existing long term loans at fixed rates of interest: one with Lloyds Banking Group for £1,000,000, drawn down in July 2007 and the other with Barclays for £500,000, drawn down in July 2008. Both loans were taken out to support the major capital building improvement works programmes at the College's Crowndale Road site.

At 31 July 2018 the total loan principal outstanding was £963,000 (2017: £1,036,000), of which £608,000 is owed to Lloyds and £355,000 to Barclays.

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CURRENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Student Numbers

In 2017-18 there were 3,936 learners and 9,612 enrolments in the College (2016/17: approximately 6,000 learners and 11,700 enrolments), mostly on part time courses ranging from one 2 hour session to a full 3 days per week. These figures include the learners enrolled on courses in the community, contracted to WMC by the Camden Adult Education Service. The learning delivered £4,600,000 of funding body income (2016/17: £4,490,000)

Student Overall Achievements

Students continue to prosper at the College with overall achievement rates for the year of 94.7% for non-accredited learners and 81.8% for those on accredited courses. In responses to nationally benchmarked student surveys, learners continue to rate the College, their courses and their teachers very highly. For example, across all curriculum areas "organisation" and "College community" consistently scored 18 percentage points and 19 percentage points respectively above the national benchmark. Foundation Learning learners rated "teaching and learning" and "assessment" significantly above national benchmark.

At the College's Celebration of Success night, many students passionately shared moving stories of how the College has changed their lives, for example giving them the language skills that enable them to communicate outside their family and participate in their community, as well as enabling them to gain employment.

Curriculum Developments

Curriculum teams continued to review and amend the course offer for 2017/18, ensuring it would be more robust with increased progression routes and a greater emphasis on qualification achievement and employment outcomes for learners. Whilst retaining the essential ethos of the College, the ongoing drive to develop opportunities for formal accreditation alongside the well-established non-accredited provision, has continued, with a further increase in external accreditation in the Vocational Curriculum and Arts, and more planned for 2018-19. This has been well received by learners, evidenced in enrolment numbers.

Following the closure of Holloway prison where the College delivered hair and beauty courses and declining demand for the College's onsite hair and beauty course offer, this area of delivery was discontinued at the end of the summer 2018 term.

Payment Performance

The Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998 requires colleges, in the absence of agreement to the contrary, to make payments to suppliers within 30 days of either the provision of goods or services or the date on which the invoice was received. The target set by the Treasury for payment to suppliers within 30 days is 95%. During the accounting period 1 August 2017 to 31 July 2018, the College considers that it achieved this target for invoices where there were no disputed costs. The College incurred no cost (2017: £23 in interest charges to one supplier) in respect of late payment where the invoice had been received on time by the College.

Events after the End of the Reporting Period

There are no post-balance sheet events to report.

Restructuring

The planned closure of the hair and beauty curriculum area resulted in 6 staff being made redundant with termination payments totalling £11,000 made at the end of their notice periods.

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Future Developments

The College expects to continue to review the curriculum it offers to ensure that it meets the needs of learners. In particular it will continue to ensure there are appropriate progression routes for learners on accredited courses.

With funding being devolved to the Greater London Authority from 2019/20, the College has been actively working with the Mayor's team to ensure that the importance and value of adult and community learning and the roles of institutes of adult learning are fully understood and appreciated by the further education team. This work is ongoing.

The College will continue to refine its approach to charging fees on Community Learning funded courses to ensure that the College courses are accessible to all who need them and finance is not a barrier to learning, whilst also respecting and following the spirit of the funding guidance on charging participants.

Although all the Institutes of Adult Learning remained independent following the conclusion and implementation of the sector London Area Reviews, they continue to develop closer working links and collaborations.

RESOURCES

The College has various resources which it can deploy in pursuit of its strategic objectives.

Tangible resources include the main site at Crowndale Road with a book value of £5.747 million, principally related to building works completed in 2008 and 2012 in Phases 1 and 2 of the Accommodation Strategy. There is a second centre in Kentish Town which is owned by the London Borough of Camden and used by the College on a tenancy at will basis.

Financial resources include investments and endowments totalling £4.957 million at the balance sheet date plus short term deposits and cash holdings of £2.922 million, offset in part by long term debt of £0.963 million.

Human resources comprise a staff base of 92 full-time equivalents, of whom 54 are teaching staff, with a headcount exceeding 200 as the College makes extensive use of subject specialists, many of whom teach part time at the College whilst also working in their specialist industry.

The College has a strong reputation locally, based on the quality of services, the breadth of community involvement and the continuing interest in long and distinguished history, as well as the benefit of Ofsted "good" status.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The College has developed strategies for managing risk and has embedded a system of internal control, including financial, operational and risk management which is designed to protect the College's assets and reputation.

Based on the strategic plan and annual improvement plans, the Executive Management Group (EMG) undertakes a regular review of the risks to which the College is exposed. The members identify systems and procedures, including specific preventable actions which should mitigate any potential impact on the College. The internal controls are implemented and internal audit work and other monitoring helps appraise their effectiveness and progress against risk mitigation actions. The EMG will also consider any risks which may arise as a result of a new area of work being undertaken by the College.

A risk register is maintained at College level which is formally reviewed at meetings of the EMG and the College Management Group (CMG). The risks are also assigned to the most relevant Governor committee and reviewed at termly meetings of those committees and then annually by the full Board.

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The Risk Register identifies the key risks, systems and procedures to control them, the likelihood of those risks occurring, their potential impact on the College and the actions being taken to reduce and mitigate the risks. Risks are prioritised using a consistent scoring system. This is supported by a risk management training programme to raise awareness of risk throughout the College.

Outlined below is a description of the highest rated risk factors that could affect the College, as identified by the College Management Group during 2017/18. Not all the factors are within the College's control and other factors besides those listed below may also adversely affect the College.

1. Government Funding

The College has considerable reliance on continued government funding through the further education sector funding bodies. In 2017/18, 79.5% of the College's income was ultimately publicly funded and this level of requirement is expected to continue although the College does have an objective of reducing dependence on state funding. There can be no assurance that government policy or practice will remain the same or that public funding will continue at the same levels or on the same terms, especially following devolvement of funding to the Greater London Authority from August 2019.

The College is aware of several issues which may impact on future funding and associated income:

- The implementation of government announcements in the Chancellor's autumn statements and the forthcoming comprehensive spending review and how these will be reflected in individual College funding allocations;
- Changes to priorities, allocations and methodologies following devolution of funding to the Greater London Authority; and
- The extent to which learners are willing to take up "advanced learning loans" particularly following extension of the scheme to learners aged 19 plus from September 2016.

The risk is mitigated in a number of ways:

- By ensuring that the College is rigorous in delivering high quality education and training.
- Considerable focus and investment of time is placed on maintaining and managing key relationships with funding bodies and sector organisations, including the new GLA staff, so that they understand the circumstances, challenges and potential of the College.
- Increasing links with employers to ensure that provision remains relevant to work and skills needs.
- Promoting examples of how successful learners progress into the labour market.

2. Tuition Fee Policy

Government ministers have confirmed that the fee assumption remains at 50%. In line with the majority of other colleges, WMC seeks to set fees that meet this fee assumption, reflect inflationary pressures and respond to market forces. In addition the College continues to develop studio and full cost courses. The risk for the College is that demand falls off as fees increase and this will restrict access to education for some of the most disadvantaged learners and impact on the growth strategy of the College.

The risk is mitigated in a number of ways:

- By ensuring that the College is rigorous in delivering high quality education and training and thereby demonstrating value for money for students.
- Close monitoring of demand for courses as prices change and responding swiftly and appropriately.
- · Market research to establish demand, willingness to pay and price elasticity.
- Marketing incentives and campaigns to encourage and incentivise enrolments.
- Flexible fee payment opportunities and methods including instalment plans.

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3. Competition from other providers

With the reductions in funding and implementation of the Area Review structural changes, competition from other providers is expected to become more intense.

Mitigation actions include:

- Promoting the College's niche position in terms of size, reputation and curriculum offer as an Institute of Adult Learning.
- Innovation and development within the College's core curriculum to tap new markets.

4. Adverse impact on financial viability from disproportionately large ESOL provision.

ESOL provision is the most vulnerable, with threats to its delivery models and funding rates. However, the demand and need for this provision amongst the local communities that the College serves remains high.

Mitigation actions include:

- Monitoring government and funding agency information and announcements closely to get early warning of any proposed changes and plan accordingly.
- A clear fees policy for ESOL provision to establish an appropriate balance of dependency between funding and fee income.

5. Severe adverse publicity

The College is well known in the local community and recruits the vast majority of its learners from the communities around the College. Any adverse publicity could therefore impact on recruitment.

As part of risk mitigation, the College employs a full time Marketing Manager and actively uses a combination of traditional marketing and social media to promote the College.

STAKEHOLDER RELATIONSHIPS

In line with other colleges and educational institutions, the Working Men's College has many stakeholders and an extensive range of relationships with local people and groups. These include

- the College's own students and staff;
- funding bodies, especially the Skills Funding Agency;
- the London Borough of Camden;
- · a range of local employers;
- Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs)
- local community groups, including the Somers Town Big Local for whom the College acts as the "Local Trusted Organisation (LTO)";
- the other Institutes of Adult Learning (IALs), especially the three based in London;
- local FE colleges;
- · the FE Commissioner; and
- · trade unions and professional bodies.

The College recognises the importance of these relationships and engages in regular communication with them through a range of media and methods.

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Community Responsiveness and Employer Engagement

The College has been implementing a successful community engagement strategy for many years; it has established provision at 28 local outreach venues and built a number of proactive partnerships and close working relationships with the voluntary and community sector in central Camden. The community provision continues to take provision to students who would not otherwise access the College. Partners include community centres, refugee organisations, primary and secondary schools, tenants' associations, a housing trust, a local hospital, health centres, Camden Adult & Community Learning, the British Museum and local employers. These working relationships help identify and target disadvantaged learners in Camden. Further information on these aspects of the College's work can be found in the Self-Assessment Report available via the College website or on application to the Clerk to the Corporation.

The focus for the College's work is on ensuring local people have the opportunity to gain local employment and to this end notable targets have been the public sector, in particular Camden Council and health and care organisations, the King's Cross redevelopment and projects coming from the voluntary and community sectors. The College also works with a wide range of voluntary and other organisations which provide specialist support to students to build self-confidence, help them to be job-ready and facilitate progression to work related training and employment.

Educational Links

The College has a wide variety of strategic links with other educational institutions.

The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) remains the College's principal funder.

The group of four London IALs – the Working Men's College, the Mary Ward Centre, City Lit and Morley College – have a very long standing partnership which is used in a variety of constructive ways to address national, regional and local priorities. Closer working and a new common identity as the London Adult Learning Institutions has enabled some joint initiatives to be effectively developed.

There are ongoing partnerships with the Institute of Education and the University of Greenwich through which placements are provided at the College for trainee teachers supported by strong mentoring relationships with established and experienced teachers.

The Camden Adult Learning Partnership has emerged as an important group as it has been agreed that this will be used to plan and evaluate Community Learning for Camden. WMC has been central to this development, running successful community events and actively participating in the partnership steering group.

Staff and Student Involvement

The College considers good communication with staff and students to be vital. The Corporation includes two staff members and two student members, and the Curriculum Quality and Standards Committee includes academic managers and the student Governors as members. Staff and student update bulletins and newsletters were produced during the year and the College intranet is used to facilitate communication with staff.

The Principal hosted Learner Forums each term across both College sites and at a variety of times and dates to enable learners to meet senior management, to provide comments and feedback on all aspects of their College experience and to provide learner views on possible new College initiatives.

Staff forums were also hosted by the Principal, notably to enable understanding of, and engagement with, the proposed heating and ventilation capital project and its impact on teaching and learning. This was supplemented by drop-in sessions on staff CPD day, hosted by the Vice Principal, to enable staff to see the project mood boards and discuss the project further.

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Most of the working parties and development groups within the College include staff and student representation. Sometimes it is difficult to secure the level of staff and student participation that is desirable because of the high proportion of teaching staff and students who are part-time.

Equality

The College is committed to promoting equality of opportunity in all aspects of its operations for all who learn or work at the College. It recognises its legal responsibilities and is committed to taking all reasonable steps to ensure there is no discrimination against any student, member of staff or the public, on the grounds of race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion or belief and age. It respects and values positively differences in these areas within the College community. Monitoring systems have been introduced and performance targets identified. The College's Equality Policy is published on its website and it produces an annual Equality Report and Equality Objectives to ensure compliance with all relevant equality legislation including the Equality Act 2010.

Employment of Disabled Persons

The College considers all applications for employment from disabled persons, bearing in mind the aptitudes of the individuals concerned. Where an existing employee becomes disabled every effort is made to ensure that employment with the College continues. The College's policy is to provide training, career development and opportunities for promotion that are, as far as possible, identical to those for other employees.

Disability Statement

A key purpose of the College is to be a learner-centred college dedicated to providing enriching and enjoyable lifelong learning for the diverse range of London adults who may not be able to study full time, particularly those who have missed out on their initial education.

As part of its commitment to inclusive education and equality of opportunity the College welcomes students with learning difficulties and disabilities. The College endeavours to be flexible and match the learning support to each student's individual needs and achieve the objectives set down in the Equality Act 2010.

The aims of the College include:

- identifying and responding to individual student needs, to continually improve students' learning experience.
- ensuring all students achieve their full potential through the provision of a high quality student centred learning environment.
- · actively promoting equality of opportunity for all students.
- ensuring appropriate steps are taken to guarantee that a disabled student is not placed at a substantial disadvantage in comparison with a student who is not disabled.

This statement outlines the application process which prospective students, carers and helpers should use when applying for a place at the College and explains how to find out whether the College can support specific needs.

The College employs a Disability Officer to promote awareness and implementation of this statement and supporting policies.

A range of courses for learners with learning difficulties or disabilities has been introduced to provide learning in smaller groups and at a pace that increases these learners ability to achieve their learning aims and progress to further study or employment.

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Safeguarding and Prevent

The College fully recognises its responsibility to promote safe practice and to protect and safeguard the welfare of everyone working and studying there. Governors and managers believe that learning takes place most effectively within a culture in which all individuals trust the College to keep them safe from harm while there and give them information, advice and help to keep themselves safe from harm at other times. There are clear processes and procedures in place should anyone have a concern and the College works with a number of external agencies to support learners to remain in learning, including the FE Prevent coordinators.

TRADE UNION FACILITY TIME

The Trade Union (Facility Time Publication Requirements) Regulations 2017 require the College to publish information on facility time arrangements for trade union officials at the College. The following information relates to the period from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 as required by the Regulations and is also made available on the College's website.

| Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period | | | |
|--|------------|------------------|--|
| Full time equivalent employee number | | 1 | |
| | Percentage | No. of employees | |
| Percentage of time spent on facility time | 1 – 50% | 1 | |
| Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time | | , | |
| Total cost of facility time | | £5,037 | |
| Total pay bill | | £3,514,588 | |
| Percentage of total pay bill spent on facility time | | 0.14% | |
| Paid trade union activities | • | | |
| Time spent on paid trade union activities as a perceitotal paid facility hours | ntage of | 0% | |

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

The Governors who held office at the date of approval of this report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the College's auditors are unaware; and each Governor has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the College's auditors are aware of that information.

The members' report including the strategic report was approved by the members of the Corporation and signed on their behalf on 12 December 2018 by:

Guy Shackle Chair

STATEMENT OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL for the year ended 31 July 2018

The following statement is provided to enable readers of the annual report and financial statements of the College to obtain a better understanding of its governance and legal structure. This statement covers the period from 1 August 2017 to 31 July 2018 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

The College endeavours to conduct its business:

- i. in accordance with the seven principles identified by the Committee on Standards in Public Life
 . (selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership);
- ii. in full accordance with the guidance to colleges from the Association of Colleges in The Code of Good Governance for English colleges ("the AoC Code"); and
- iii. having due regard to the UK Corporate Governance Code 2016 insofar as it is applicable to the further education sector.

The College is committed to exhibiting best practice in all aspects of corporate governance and in particular the College has adopted and complied with the AoC Code. However, the College has not adopted, and therefore does not apply, the UK Corporate Governance Code. However, it has reported on Corporate Governance arrangements by drawing upon best practice available, including those aspects of the UK Corporate Governance Code considered to be relevant to the further education sector and best practice.

In the opinion of the Governors, the College complies with all the provisions of the Code and it has complied throughout the year ended 31 July 2018. The Corporation recognises that, as a body entrusted with both public and private funds, it has a particular duty to observe the highest standards of corporate governance at all times. In carrying out its responsibilities, it takes full account of The Code of Good Governance for English Colleges issued by the Association of Colleges in March 2015, which it formally adopted on 15 July 2015.

The College is a registered charity within the meaning of Part 3 of the Charities Act 2011. The Appointed Governors, who are also the Trustees for the purposes of the Charities Act 2011, confirm that they have had due regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and that the required statements appear elsewhere in these financial statements.

Governors of the Corporation

The Governors who served on the Corporation during the year ended 31 July 2018 and up to the date of signature of this report are listed on the following page.

Estates Strategy Group

Key to committees:

A Audit

| R Remuneration | |
|---|---|
| nent Q Curriculum, Quality and Standards (Ch) Committee Chair | |
| | |
| Curriculum, Quality and Standards | 2 |
| Search | 1 |
| Remuneration | 2 |
| | |
| | nent Q Curriculum, Quality and Standards (Ch) Committee Chair Curriculum, Quality and Standards Search |

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Governors (Appointed and Nominated) who served between 1 August 2017 and up to the date of signature of this report were:

| Name | Date last Appointed/ Reappointd | Date First Appointed | Term of Office | Date Resigned | Status of Appoint- ment | Comm- ittees | Full Corp'n Meetings Attended |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Ahsan Akbar | 12/07/2017 | 12/07/2017 | 3 Years | | Appointed | F | 5 of 5 |
| Hortese Allen | 11/07/2018 | 11/07/2018 | 1 Year | | Nominated Student | | 1 of 1 |
| Kate Bell (Vice Chair) | 21/03/2018 | 16/07/2008 | 3 Years | | Appointed | A(Ch), R, | 2 of 5 |
| Amanda Blinkhorn | 21/03/2018 | 21/03/2018 | 3 Years | | Nominated Tchng Staff | | 3 of 3 |
| Barbara Byrne | 22/03/2017 | 25/03/2015 | 3 Years | | Appointed | E, F(Ch), Q, R | 5 of 5 |
| Layne Comarasawm | 03/07/2017 | 25/03/2015 | 11 Year | 22/02/2018 | Nominated Student | Q | 2 of 3 |
| Jean Esnard | 22/03/2017 | 10/12/2013 | 3 Years | | Nominated Bus. Staff | Q | 5 of 5 |
| Helen Hammond | 01/12/2014 | 01/12/2014 | Ex Officio | | Principal | F, Q, S | 5 of 5 |
| June Jarrett | 12/07/2017 | 12/07/2017 | 3 Years | • | Appointed | E | 5 of 5 |
| Samata Khaton | 21/03/2018 | 21/03/2018 | 3 Years | | Appointed | | 3 of 3 |
| Alexi Marmot | 22/03/2017 | 11/12/2013 | 3 Years | | Appointed | E(Ch), F, Q | 5 of 5 |
| Gerry Munnelly | · ·03/07/2018 · | .03/07/2017 | 1 Year | · · | Nominated Student | Q | 4 of 5 |
| David Offenbach | 23/03/2016 | 17/10/2001 | 3 Years | | Appointed | F, S | 5 of 5 |
| Chris Percy | 20/07/2016 | 20/07/2016 | 3 Years | | Appointed | Α | 5 of 5 |
| | 23/03/2016 | 23/03/2016 | 3 Years | 13/12/2017 | Nominated Tchng Staff | Q | 0 of 1 |
| Tom Schuller (Chair to 31 July18) | 23/03/2016 | 17/12/2008 | 3 Years | 31/07/2018 | Appointed | R, S | 5 of 5 |
| Guy Shackle (Chair from 1 Aug 18) | 21/03/2018 | 21/03/2018 | 3 Years | , | Appointed | R ⁺ , S ⁺ , E ⁺ | 3 of 3 |
| Paul Smith | 12/07/2017 | 12/07/2017 | 3 Years | | Appointed | A | 5 of 5 |
| Paula Whittle | 25/03/2016 | 15/07/2009 | 3 Years | | Appointed | Q(Ch), S | 3 of 5 |

⁺ indicates a Governor joining a committee during the year.

⁻ indicates a Governor leaving a committee during the year.

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During the year two new Appointed Governors, one new Nominated Staff Governor and one new Nominated Student Governor joined the Board. One existing Appointed Governor, one Nominated Staff Governor and one Nominated Student Governor were re-appointed for a further term.

The Articles of Association for WMC Corporation were last amended and approved by the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) and adopted by the Corporation on 7 July 2010. The Revised Articles of Association included provision for retirement by rotation for Appointed Governors organised via three cohorts to avoid uneven bunching of consideration of re-appointments.

The Principal is the Accounting Officer and, ex officio, a Nominated Governor. The date of appointment as a Nominated Governor and the date of retirement or removal from office are determined by the Appointed Governors.

The Working Men's College is a company limited by guarantee and its Appointed Governors are also members of the company. Every member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, such amount as may be required but not exceeding five pence.

Bill Barker was the Clerk to the Corporation and Company Secretary throughout the period.

Fellows of the College

Fellows are honorary appointments of between five and seven years, intended for former or retiring Governors, or other people who have served the College with distinction, or whose association may benefit the College. The Board reconsidered the role of "Fellows" at the July 2017 meeting. There was agreement to continue the role, but to re-define it and to approach former fellows and recently retired long-serving governors for their availability for a further or first term of office. Previous Corporation Fellows whose term has recently expired and are eligible for a further term are shown below:

| Name | Date Appointed | Term of Office |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Selwyn Midgen | 31/03/2010 | 6 Years |
| Bipin Patel | 30/03/2011 | 6 Years |
| Dame Ruth Silver | 31/03/2010 | 6 Years |
| Baroness Janet Whitaker | 31/03/2010 | 6 Years |

Role of the Corporation

It is the Corporation's responsibility to bring independent judgement to bear on issues of strategy, performance, resources and standards of conduct.

Thus, the Corporation is responsible for determining the educational character and mission of the College together with its broad strategic approach. It oversees the delivery of the College's aims and objectives, the stewardship of its assets and safeguards the efficient and effective use of its resources.

The Principal is accountable to the Corporation, within the framework set by the Governors, and advises the Governors in the exercise of their responsibilities. The Corporation looks to the Principal and the College management to manage the day-to-day running of the College.

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The Corporation is provided, by College management, with regular and timely information on the overall financial performance of the College, together with other information such as performance against funding targets, proposed capital expenditure, quality matters and personnel related matters such as health and safety and environmental issues.

The full Corporation meets at least termly. In addition, during 2017/18, a "strategy session" was held in autumn 2017 based around innovation and possible future development directions for the College as well as further collaboration between the London Institutes of Adult Learning. The other committees meet at least once each term with the exceptions of the Search Committee, which meets as required and the Remuneration Committee, which meets on at least one occasion each year. The Spring 2018 meeting of the Curriculum, Quality and Standards Committee was cancelled as members were unable to reach the College following heavy snowfall.

The Corporation conducts its business through a number of committees, each chaired by a Governor. Each committee has terms of reference which have been approved by the full Corporation. The committees which operated during the year were:

- Audit Committee
- Curriculum, Quality and Standards Committee
- Estates Strategy Group (a sub-committee of FPDC)
- Finance, Personnel and Development Committee (FPDC)
- Remuneration Committee
- Search Committee

Full minutes of all meetings, except those deemed by the Corporation to be confidential, are available from the Clerk to the Corporation, Bill Barker, at:

Working Men's College 44 Crowndale Road London NW1 1TR

Minutes for Corporation meetings can be downloaded from the Governors' page of the College Website: http://www.wmcollege.ac.uk/pages/working-mens-college-governors.aspx

The Governors receive no remuneration for their services, but are entitled to claim out of pocket expenses. £448 was claimed by two Governors for the year to 31 July 2018 (£540 in 2016/17, claimed by four Governors). The Clerk to the Corporation maintains a register of financial and personal interests of the Governors and key management personnel of the College. The register is available for inspection on application to the Clerk at the above address.

All Governors are able to take independent professional advice in furtherance of their duties at the College's expense and have access to the Clerk to the Corporation, who is responsible to the Board for ensuring that all applicable procedures and regulations are complied with. The appointment, evaluation and removal of the Clerk are matters for the Corporation as a whole.

Formal agendas, papers and reports are supplied to Governors in a timely manner, prior to Board meetings. Briefings are also provided on an ad-hoc basis.

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The Corporation has a strong and independent non-executive element and no individual or group dominates its decision making process. The Corporation considers that each of its non-executive members is independent of management and free from any business or other relationship that could materially interfere with the exercise of their independent judgement.

There is a clear division of responsibility as the roles of the Chair of the Corporation and Accounting Officer of the College are separate.

Appointments to the Corporation

Any new appointments to the Corporation are a matter for the consideration of the Corporation as a whole. The Corporation has a Search Committee comprising seven Governors, which is responsible for the selection and nomination of any new member for the Corporation's consideration. The Corporation is responsible for ensuring that appropriate induction and training is provided as required. Members of the Corporation are appointed initially for a term of office not exceeding three years.

Corporation Performance

Governors considered a report at the December 2018 Board meeting, ahead of approving the report and accounts, which identified further imporovements in governance arrangements at the College from 2016 to 2018. Supported by the evidence in that paper plus the ensuing discussion, Governors self-assessed their performance as "Good".

Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee comprises five Governors excluding the Accounting Officer. The Committee's responsibilities are to make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration and benefits of the Accounting Officer and other designated Senior Postholders.

Details of remuneration for the year ended 31 July 2018 are set out in notes 6 and 7 to the financial statements.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee comprises three Governors (excluding the Accounting Officer and Chair of Corporation) including a finance and audit specialist. The Committee operates in accordance with written terms of reference approved by the Corporation. Its purpose is to advise the Corporation on the adequacy and effectiveness of the College's systems of internal control and its arrangements for risk management, control and governance processes.

The Audit Committee meets at least three times during the year and provides a forum for reporting by the College's internal and financial statements auditors, who have right of access to the Committee for independent discussion, without the presence of College management. The Committee also receives and considers reports from the Education and Skills Funding Agency as they affect the College's business.

During 2017/18 the College undertook a re-tender of internal audit services and appointed Scrutton Bland to the role from 1 August 2018. They were also commissioned to carry out some additional assignments to review the systems of internal control, risk management controls and governance processes in place during 2017/18 and have reported their findings to management and the Audit Committee.

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Management is responsible for the implementation of agreed audit recommendations and internal audit undertakes periodic follow-up reviews to ensure such recommendations have been implemented.

The Audit Committee also advises the Corporation on the appointment of internal and financial statements auditors and their remuneration for both audit and non-audit work as well as reporting annually to the Corporation. The appointment of financial statements auditors is an annual item of business for the full Board of Corporation.

Internal Control

Scope of Responsibility

The Corporation is ultimately responsible for the College's system of internal control and for reviewing its effectiveness. However, such a system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The Corporation has delegated the day to day responsibility to the Principal, as Accounting Officer, for maintaining a sound system of internal control that supports the achievement of the College's policies, aims and objectives, whilst safeguarding the public funds and assets for which she is personally responsible, in accordance with the responsibilities assigned to her in the Financial Memorandum between the College and the Education and Skill's Funding Agency. She is also responsible for reporting to the Corporation any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

The Purpose of the System of Internal Control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of College policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place within Working Men's College for the year ended 31 July 2018 and up to the date of approval of the Annual Report and Financial Statements.

Capacity to Handle Risk

The Corporation has reviewed the key risks to which the College is exposed, together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Corporation is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the College's significant risks that has been in place for the period ending 31 July 2018 and up to the date of approval of the Annual Report and Financial Statements. This process is reviewed at each meeting of the Audit Committee and reported to the next full Corporation meeting.

The Risk and Control Framework

The system of internal control is based on a framework of regular management information, administrative procedures including the segregation of duties, and a system of delegation and accountability.

In particular, it includes:

• comprehensive budgeting systems with an annual budget, which is reviewed and agreed by the Governing Body;

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- regular reviews by the Governing Body of periodic and annual financial reports which indicate financial performance against forecasts;
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- clearly defined capital investment control guidelines; and
- the adoption of formal project management disciplines, where appropriate.

Working Men's College has internal audit arrangements, which operate in accordance with the requirements of the ESFA's Post 16 Audit Code of Practice. The work of the internal audit providers is informed by an analysis of the risks to which the College is exposed and annual internal audit plans are based on this analysis. The analysis of risks and the internal audit plans are endorsed by the College's Governing Body on the recommendation of the Audit Committee. Internal audit services provide the Audit Committee with reports on each internal audit activity in the College. Where appropriate, each report includes their independent opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the College's system of internal control, risk management controls and governance processes, including internal financial control insofar as it is impacted by the area being reported on.

Review of Effectiveness

As Accounting Officer, the Principal has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. The Principal's review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control is informed by:

- the work of the internal audit providers;
- the work of the executive managers within the College who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework; and
- comments made by the College's financial statements auditors and the regularity auditors in their management letters and other reports.

The Accounting Officer has been advised on the implications of the result of her review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control by the Audit Committee which oversees the work of the internal audit providers and other sources of assurance and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

The College's Executive Management Group (EMG) receives reports setting out key performance and risk indicators and considers possible control issues brought to their attention by early warning mechanisms, which are embedded within the departments and reinforced by risk awareness training. The EMG and the Audit Committee also receive regular reports from the internal audit providers, which include recommendations for improvement. The Audit Committee's role in this area is confined to a high-level review of the arrangements for internal control. The Corporation's agenda includes a regular item for consideration of risk and control and receives reports thereon from the EMG and the Audit Committee. The emphasis is on obtaining the relevant degree of assurance and not merely reporting by exception. The Audit Committee receives a report on Risk Management at each of its meetings. The report includes the latest extract of the College's Risk Register, as reviewed and updated by the wider College Management Group.

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Thus, any new risks are identified and controls on existing identified risks are reviewed on an ongoing basis. The Corporation reviews and approves the Risk Register annually and delegates monitoring of the risks listed to the most appropriate committee who consider them at each meeting. At its December 2018 meeting the Corporation will carry out the annual assessment for the year ended 31 July 2018 by considering documentation from the EMG, Audit Committee and internal audit providers and taking account of events since 31 July 2018.

The Board also considers at its December meeting the Annual Report of the Chair of the Audit Committee, which includes advice to the board on the adequacy and effectiveness of the College's systems of internal control and its arrangements for risk management, control and governance processes, and on securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness (value for money). The report advises the Board of any significant matters arising from the work of the College's Internal Audit Service (IAS) and financial statements and regularity auditors appointed by the Board, and of the Funding Auditors appointed by the ESFA as applicable.

The Corporation also receives in December the Accounting Officer's Annual report on risk management which states the view that the College's practices have enabled it to effectively identify, evaluate and control risks in order to eliminate, reduce, contain or transfer them.

Based on the advice of the Audit Committee and the Accounting Officer, the Corporation is of the opinion that the College has an adequate and effective framework for governance, risk management and control, and has fulfilled its statutory responsibility for "the effective and efficient use of resources, the solvency of the institution and the body-and the safeguarding of their assets".

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Corporation considers that the College has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Approved by order of the Governors of the Corporation on 12 December 2018 and signed on its behalf

by:

Guy Shackle

Chair

Helen HammondAccounting Officer

STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE for the year ended 31 July 2018

The Corporation has considered its responsibility to notify the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of funding, under the College's grant funding agreements and contracts with the ESFA. As part of its consideration the Corporation has had due regard to the requirements of grant funding agreements and contracts with the ESFA.

We confirm, on behalf of the Corporation, that after due enquiry and to the best of our knowledge, the Corporation believes it is able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the College, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the College's grant funding agreements and contracts with the ESFA.

We further confirm that no instances of material irregularity, impropriety or funding non-compliance have been discovered to date. If any instances are identified after the date of this statement, these will be notified to the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

Signed

Guy Shackle

Chair

Helen Hammond Accounting Officer

12 December 2018

STATEMENT OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GOVERNORS OF THE CORPORATION

for the year ended 31 July 2018

The Governors of the Corporation (who are trustees for the purposes of the Charities Act and whose Appointed Governors are also the directors of the company for the purposes of the Companies Act) are required to present audited financial statements for each financial year.

Within the terms and conditions of the College's Financial Memorandum with the Education and Skills Funding Agency, the Corporation, through its Accounting Officer, is required to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with the 2015 Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting for Further and Higher Education and with the "College Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018" issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) and which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the College and the result for that year.

In preparing the financial statements, the Corporation is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the College will continue in operation.

The Corporation is also required to prepare a Members' Report incorporating a Strategic Report, which describes what it is trying to do and how it is going about it, including the legal and administrative status of the College.

The Corporation is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the College and which enable it to ensure that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with the relevant legislation of incorporation and other relevant accounting standards and comply with the Companies Act 2006. It is responsible for taking steps that are reasonably open to it in order to safeguard the assets of the College and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The maintenance and integrity of the Working Men's College website is the responsibility of the Governing Body of the College; the work carried out by the auditors does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, the auditors accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the financial statements since they were initially presented on the website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Governors of the Corporation are responsible for ensuring that expenditure and income are applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and that the financial transactions conform to the authorities that govern them. In addition they are responsible for ensuring that funds from the ESFA are used only in accordance with the Financial Memorandum with the ESFA and any other conditions that the ESFA may prescribe from time to time. Governors of the Corporation must ensure that there are appropriate financial and management controls in place in order to safeguard public and other funds and to ensure they are used properly. In addition, Governors of the Corporation are responsible for securing economical, efficient and effective management of the College's resources and expenditure, so that the benefits that should be derived from the application of public funds from the ESFA are not put at risk.

Approved by order of the Governors of the Corporation on 12 December 2018 and signed on its behalf by:

Guy Shackle Chair

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WORKING MEN'S COLLEGE

for the year ended 31 July 2018

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Working Men's College (the 'College') for the year ended 31 July 2018 which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in reserves, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows, the principal accounting policies and the notes to the financial statements. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the College's affairs as at 31 July 2018 and of its surplus of income over expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice: and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the College in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Governors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Governors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the College's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WORKING MEN'S COLLEGE (continued)

for the year ended 31 July 2018

Other information

The Governors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Governors' report including the strategic report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Governors' report including the strategic report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the College and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Governors' report including the strategic report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Governors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WORKING MEN'S COLLEGE (continued)

for the year ended 31 July 2018

Responsibilities of Governors

As explained more fully in the Governors' responsibilities statement, the Governors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Governors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Governors are responsible for assessing the college's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Governors either intend to liquidate the College or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our Report

This report is made solely to the Corporation, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Corporation's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the College and the Corporation members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Katharine Patel (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Buzzacott LLP, Statutory Auditor 130 Wood Street London EC2V 6DL

December 2018

REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO THE GOVERNORS OF THE CORPORATION OF WORKING MEN'S COLLEGE AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION ACTING THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION

for the year ended 31 July 2018

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 10 August 2017 and further to the requirements of the Financial Memorandum with the Education and Skills Funding Agency, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether anything has come to our attention that would suggest that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received by the Working Men's College during the period 1 August 2017 to 31 July 2018 have not been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

The framework that has been applied is set out in the Post 16 Audit Code of Practice ("The Code") issued by the Department for Education ("The Department"). In line with this framework, our work has specifically not considered income received from the main funding grants generated through the Individualised Learner Record (ILR) returns, for which the Department has other assurance arrangements in place.

This report is made solely to the Corporation of Working Men's College and the Department in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Corporation of the Working Men's College and the Department those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Corporation of Working Men's College and the Department, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective Responsibilities of Working Men's College and the Reporting Accountant

The Corporation of Working Men's College is responsible under the requirements of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992, subsequent legislation and related regulations and guidance, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Our responsibilities for this engagement are established in the United Kingdom by our profession's ethical guidance and are to obtain limited assurance and report in accordance with our engagement letter and the requirements of the Code. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 August 2017 to 31 July 2018 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Code issued by the Department. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in that framework.

The objective of a limited assurance engagement is to perform such procedures as to obtain information and explanations in order to provide us with sufficient appropriate evidence to express a negative conclusion on regularity.

REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO THE GOVERNORS OF THE CORPORATION OF WORKING MEN'S COLLEGE AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION ACTING THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION

for the year ended 31 July 2018

A limited assurance engagement is more limited in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in a reasonable assurance engagement. Accordingly we do not express a positive opinion.

Our engagement includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the regularity of the College's income and expenditure.

The work undertaken to draw our conclusion includes:

- An assessment of the risk of material irregularity and impropriety across all of the College's activities;
- Further testing and review of self-assessment questionnaire including enquiry, identification of control processes and examination of supporting evidence across all areas identified as well as additional verification work where considered necessary; and
- Consideration of evidence obtained through the work detailed above and the work completed as part of our financial statements audit in order to support the regularity conclusion.

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 August 2017 to 31 July 2018 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

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Buzzacott LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
130 Wood Street
London EC2V 6DL

December 2018

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the year ended 31 July 2018

| | Note | | 2018 | | 2017 |
|---|------------------------|---|----------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| | | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £.000 |
| INCOME Funding body grants Tuition fees and education contracts Other income Endowment and investment income | 2 3 4 5 | | 4,679 939 131 134 | | 4,585 957 92 133 |
| Total income | | | 5,883 | | 5,767 |
| EXPENDITURE Cost of generating funds Staff costs Fundamental restructuring costs Other operating expenses Depreciation Interest and other finance costs | 6 6 8 11 9 | 17 3,486 11 1,120 337 56 | | 6 3,613 37 1,288 368 59 | |
| Total expenditure | | | 5,027 | | 5,371 |
| Operational surplus before other gains and losses and before tax | | | 856 | | 396 |
| Gains on listed investments Loss on investment property | 12 13 | | 395 (120) | | 156 - |
| Surplus before tax | | | 1,131 | | 552 |
| Taxation | 10 | | | | <u>-</u> |
| Total Comprehensive Income for the Year | | | 1,131 ——— | | 552 |
| Represented by: | | | | | |
| Restricted comprehensive income Unrestricted comprehensive income | | | 274 857 | | 144 408 |
| | | | 1,131 | | 552 |

The statement of comprehensive income is in respect of continuing activities.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVES

for the year ended 31 July 2018

| Income | and Expe | nditure reserve | | stricted eserves | Endo | vments | | Total reserves |
|--|----------|--------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------------------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £,000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Balance at 1 August 2016 | | 6,828 | | 2,242 | | 1,759 | | 10,829 |
| Surplus from the income and expenditure account | 411 | | 79 | | 62 | | 552 | |
| Transfers between restricted and income and expenditure reserves | (65) | | 65 | | | | | |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | | 346 | | 144 | | 62 | | 552 |
| Balance at 31 July 2017 | | 7,174 | | 2,386 | | 1,821 | | 11,381 |
| Surplus from the income and expenditure account | 766 | | 207 | | 158 | | 1,131 | |
| Transfers between restricted and income and expenditure reserves | (67) | | 67 | | | | - | |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | | 699 | | 274 | | 158 | | 1,131 |
| Balance at 31 July 2018 | | 7,873 | : | 2,660 | | 1,979 | | 12,512 |

Included within restricted reserves at the balance sheet date is an amount of £163,772 which relates to the assets of the Francis Martin College Charitable Foundation. The Working Men's College Corporation is the sole trustee of the Francis Martin College charity (registered charity number 312802) and looks after the assets on its behalf. The assets are invested in the Newton Growth and Income Fund for Charities alongside the investments of the Working Men's College Corporation.

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 July 2018

| | Note | £'000 | 2018 £'000 | £'000 | 2017 £'000 |
|--|----------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS Tangible fixed assets | 11 | | 6,113 | | 6,180 |
| Listed Investments Investment Property | 12 13 | | 4,957 1,660 | | 4,562 1,780 |
| | | | 12,730 | | 12,522 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | 4.4 | | | | |
| Trade and other receivables Cash and cash equivalents | 14 | 380 2,922 | | 290 2,219 | |
| | | 3,302 | | 2,509 | |
| CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR | 15 | (995) | | (995) | |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | | 2,307 | | 1,514 |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | 15,037 | | 14,036 |
| CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR | 16 | | (2,525) | | (2,655) |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS | | | 12,512 | | 11,381 |
| ENDOWMENTS | | | | | |
| Permanent Expendable | 18 18 | 260 1,719 | | 240 1,581 | |
| | | | 1,979 | | 1,821 |
| RESTRICTED RESERVES | | | | | |
| Restricted reserve | | | 2,660 | | 2,386 |
| UNRESTRICTED RESERVES | | | | | |
| Income and expenditure account | | | 7,873 | | 7,174 |
| TOTAL RESERVES | | | 12,512 ===== | | 11,381 |

The financial statements on pages 32 to 50 were approved and authorised for issue by the Corporation on 12 December 2018 and were signed on its behalf on that date by:

Guy Shackle

Chair

Helen Hammor

Accounting Officer

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS

for the year ended 31 July 2018

| | Note | £'000 | 2018 £'000 | £'000 | 2017 £'000 |
|--|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Cash inflow from operating activities | | | | | |
| Surplus for the year | | | 1,131 | | 552 |
| Adjustment for non-cash items Gains on investments Depreciation (Increase)/Decrease in debtors (Decrease)/Increase in creditors due within one year Decrease in creditors due after one year | 11 14 15 16 | | (275) · 337 (90) (4) (53) | | (156) 368 33 172 (93) |
| Adjustments for investing or financing activities Investment income receivable Interest receivable Interest payable Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets | 5 5 9 | | (128) (6) 56 14 | | (128) (5) 59 |
| Net cashflow from operating activities | | | 982 | | 802 |
| Cashflows from investing activities Proceeds from sale of fixed assets Income from investments and endowments Other interest received Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets | 5 5 11 | 3 128 6 (287) | (150) | 128 5 (239) | (106) |
| Cashflows from financing activities | | | | | |
| Interest payable Capital element of bank loan repayments | 9 17 | (56) (73) | (129) | (59) (69) | (128) |
| | | | (123) | | (120) |
| Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year | | | 703 | | 568 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 1 August | | | 2,219 | | 1,651 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 31 July | | | 2,922 | | 2,219 |

In this statement, figures in brackets refer to cash outflows and all other figures are cash inflows to the College.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 July 2018

1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATION TECHNIQUES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting for Further and Higher Education 2015 (the SORP), the College Accounts Direction for 2017-18 and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102: - "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland" (FRS102). The College is a public benefit entity and has therefore applied the relevant public benefit requirements of FRS102.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the College's accounting policies.

Without limiting the information given, the financial statements meet the accounting and disclosure requirements of the Companies Act and accounting standards issued or adopted by the Accounting Standards Board so far as those requirements are appropriate. In order to present a true and fair view, the College has not followed the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 regarding the format of the financial statements where these are not appropriate to the College's activities.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention modified by the revaluation of listed investments and the investment property.

Going concern

The activities of the College, together with the factors likely to affect its future development and performance are set out in the Members' Report including the Strategic Report. The financial position of the College, its cashflow, liquidity and borrowings are described in the financial statements and accompanying notes.

The College currently has £963,000 of loans outstanding with bankers on terms negotiated in 2007. The terms of the existing agreement are for up to another 11 years. The College's forecasts and financial projections indicate that it will be able to operate within this existing facility and covenants for the foreseeable future.

Accordingly the College has a reasonable expectation that it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, and for this reason will continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of its financial statements.

Recognition of income

Tuition fee income is recognised in the period for which it is received and includes all fees chargeable to students.

Income from grants, contracts and other services rendered is included to the extent of the completion of the contract or service concerned. All income from short-term deposits is credited to the income and expenditure account in the period in which it is earned.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 July 2018

1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATION TECHNIQUES (continued)

Recognition of income (continued)

Funding body recurrent grants are recognised in line with best estimates for the period of what is receivable and depend on the particular income stream involved. Any under achievement for the Adult Education Budget is adjusted for and reflected in the level of recurrent grant recognised in the income and expenditure account. The final grant income is normally determined with the conclusion of the year end reconciliation process with the funding body at the end of November following the year end and the results of any funding audits. 16-18 learner-responsive funding is not normally subject to reconciliation and is therefore not subject to contract adjustments.

Where part of a non-recurrent government grant from the ESFA or other body is deferred and amortised in line with depreciation over the life of the associated assets funded, the deferred element is recognised as deferred income within creditors and allocated between creditors due within one year and creditors due after more than one year as appropriate.

Government capital grants are capitalised, held as deferred income and recognised in income over the expected useful life of the asset, under the accrual model as permitted by FRS102. Other, non-governmental, capital grants are recognised in income when the College is entitled to the funds, subject to any performance related conditions being met. Income received in advance of performance related conditions being met is recognised as deferred income within creditors on the Balance Sheet and released to income as conditions are met.

Post-employment Benefits

Post-employment benefits to employees of the College are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) and a group personal pension scheme.

Contributions to the TPS, which is a final salary scheme, are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the College in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by qualified actuaries on the basis of quinquennial valuations using a prospective benefit method.

As stated in Note 19, the TPS is a multi-employer scheme and there is insufficient information available to use defined benefit accounting. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution plan and the contributions recognised as an expense in the comprehensive income statement in the periods during which services are rendered by employees.

Contributions to the group personal pension scheme, which is not a final salary scheme, are a fixed percentage of salary and are charged to the income and expenditure account on an accruals basis.

Endowments and reserves

Permanent endowments comprise monies which must be held indefinitely as capital and expendable endowments represent capital monies which can be drawn upon if required. Income therefrom is credited to income and expenditure reserve and applied for general purposes unless under the terms of the endowment such income must be used for specific purposes in which case it is credited to restricted

Restricted reserves comprise monies raised for, or their use restricted to, a specific purpose, or contributions subject to donor imposed conditions.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 July 2018

1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATION TECHNIQUES (continued)

Tangible fixed assets

Land and buildings and improvements to buildings are stated in the balance sheet at cost.

Individual items of equipment costing greater than £500 and with an expected useful life exceeding one year are capitalised at cost.

Freehold land is not depreciated as it is considered to have an infinite useful life.

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated over their useful economic lives, on a straight line basis, as follows:

Freehold buildings - 2% per year for new buildings,

5% per year for existing buildings

Building improvements - 10% per year

Technical equipment - 25% per year

Computer hardware - $33^{1}/_{3}$ % per year

Computer software - $33^{1}/_{3}$ % per year

Furniture, fixtures and fittings - $16^{2}/_{3}$ % per year

Assets under construction are accounted for at cost, based on the value of architects' certificates and other direct costs, incurred to the balance sheet date. They are not depreciated until they are brought into use.

Where equipment is acquired with the aid of specific grants, it is capitalised and depreciated in accordance with the above policy, with the related grant being credited to a deferred capital grant account and released to the income and expenditure account over the expected useful economic life of the related equipment.

Where significant expenditure is incurred on tangible fixed assets it is charged to the income and expenditure account in the period it is incurred, unless it meets one of the following criteria, in which case it is capitalised and depreciated on the relevant basis:

- Market value of the fixed asset has subsequently improved;
- · Asset capacity increases;
- Substantial improvement in the quality of output or reduction in operating costs; or
- Significant extension of the asset's life beyond that conferred by repairs and maintenance.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 July 2018

1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATION TECHNIQUES (continued)

Leased assets

Costs in respect of operating leases are charged to the statement of comprehensive income on a straightline basis over the lease term.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes cash in hand, deposits repayable on demand and overdrafts. Deposits are repayable on demand if they are in practice available within 24 hours without penalty. Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value. An investment qualifies as a cash equivalent when it has a maturity of 3 months or less from the date of acquisition.

Financial Liabilities and Equity

Financial liabilities and equity are classified according to the substance of the financial instrument's contractual obligations, rather than the financial instrument's legal form.

All loans, investments and short term deposits held by the College are classified as basic financial instruments in accordance with FRS 102. These instruments are initially recorded at the transaction price less any transaction costs (historical cost). FRS 102 requires that basic financial instruments are subsequently measured at amortisied cost. However the College has calculated that the difference between the historical cost and amortised cost basis is not material and so these financial instruments are stated on the balance sheet at historical cost. Loans and investments that are payable or receivable within one year are not discounted.

Investments including endowment assets

Investments are included on the balance sheet at their market value, as provided by the investment manager, at the end of the financial period. Realised and unrealised gains (or losses) are credited (or debited) to the statement of total gains and losses in the year in which they arise.

Investment Property

The investment property is included at estimated market value at the balance sheet date.

Maintenance of premises

The cost of routine corrective maintenance is charged to the income and expenditure account in the period it is incurred.

Taxation

The College is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

Accordingly, the College is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of injcome or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

The College receives no similar exemption in respect of Value Added Tax. For this reason the College is generally unable to recover input VAT it incurs on goods and services purchased. Non-pay expenditure is therefore shown inclusive of VAT with any partial recovery netted off against these figures.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 July 2018

1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATION TECHNIQUES (continued)

Provisions and Contingent Liabilities

Provisions are recognised when the College has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation is recognised at present value using a pre-discount rate. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in the statement of comprehensive income in the period it arises.

A contingent liability arises from a past event that gives the College a possible obligation whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or otherwise of uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the College. Contingent liabilities also arise in circumstances where a provision would otherwise be made but either it is not probable that an outflow of resourcs will be required or the amount of the obligation cannot be measured reliably.

Contingent liabilities are not recognised in the balance sheet but are disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

Agency Arrangements

The College acts as an agent in the collection and payment of certain discretionary support funds from the ESFA or Department for Education. Related payments received from the funding bodies and subsequent disbursements to learners are excluded from the income and expenditure of the College where the College is exposed to minimum risk or enjoys minimal economic benefit related to the transaction.

Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

In preparing these financial statements, management has made the following judgements:

- Determined whether leases entered into by the College either as lessor or lessee are operating or finance leases. These decisions depend on an assessment of whether the risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred from the lessor to the lessee, on a lease by lease basis.
- Determined whether there are indicators of impairment of the College's tangible assets. Factors taken into consideration in reaching such a decision include the economic viability and expected future financial performance of the asset and, where it is a component of a larger cash-generating unit, the viability and expected future performance of that unit.

Other key sources of estimation uncertainty

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets, other than investment properties, are depreciated over their useful lives taking into account residual values where appropriate. The actual lives of the assets and residual values are assessed annually and may vary depending on a number of factors. In reassessing asset lives, factors such as technological innovation and maintenance programmes are taken into account. Residual value assessments consider issues such as future market conditions, the remaining life of an asset and projected disposal values.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 July 2018

2 FUNDING COUNCIL GRANTS

| | | 2018 £'000 | 2017 £'000 |
|---|---|---------------|---------------|
| | Recurrent grants Education and Skills Funding Agency - adult | 4,389 | 4,188 |
| | Education and Skills Funding Agency - 16-18 | 211 | 302 |
| | Specific grants Education and Skills Funding Agency Release of government capital grants | - 79 | 1 94 |
| | | 4,679 | 4,585 |
| 3 | TUITION FEES AND EDUCATION CONTRACTS | | |
| | | 2018 £'000 | 2017 £'000 |
| | Adult education fees Fees for FE loan supported courses | 595 60 | 634 65 |
| | Total tuition fees | 655 | 699 |
| | Education contracts | 284 | 258 |
| | | 939 | 957 |
| 4 | OTHER INCOME | | |
| | | 2018 £'000 | 2017 £'000 |
| | Property rental income Other income | 61 70 | 52 40 |
| | | 131 | 92 |
| 5 | ENDOWMENT AND INVESTMENT INCOME | | |
| | | 2018 £'000 | 2017 £'000 |
| | Income from restricted asset investments | 67 | 65 63 |
| | Income from endowment and unrestricted investments Other interest receivable | 61 6 | 63 5 |
| | | 134 | 133 |
| | | | |

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 July 2018

6 STAFF COSTS

The average number of persons (including key management personnel) employed by the College during the year, described as full-time equivalents, was:

| | 2018 No. | 2017 No. |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Teaching staff Non-teaching staff | 54 38 | 58 44 |
| | 92 | 102 |
| The total staff costs for the above persons were: | 2040 | 0047 |
| | 2018 £'000 | 2017 £'000 |
| Wages and salaries | 2,887 | 2,917 |
| Social security costs | 234 | 218 |
| Other pension costs (note 19) | 332 | 333 |
| Payroll sub total | 3,453 | 3,468 |
| Contracted out staffing services | 33 | 145 |
| | 3,486 | 3,613 |
| Fundamental restructuring costs - contractual | 9 | 26 |
| non-contractual | 2 | 11 |
| Total staff costs | 3,497 | 3,650 |

Fundamental Restructuring Costs

The 2017 and 2018 staff restructuring costs relate to the implementation of the College's continual reorganisation programme which ensures the College staffing structure remains fit for purpose, responsive to changes in funding priorities and achieves efficiencies necessary for continued financial viability. The restructuring budget was approved by the Corporation.

The number of key management personnel and other staff who received total emoluments, excluding pension contributions and employer's national insurance contributions, but including benefits in kind, in the following ranges was:

| | Key manageme | nt personnel | Others | staff |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|
| | 2018 No. | 2017 No. | 2018 N o. | 2017 No. |
| £ 1 to £ 10,000 | - | 1 | n/a | n/a |
| £ 10,001 to £ 20,000 | - | | n/a | n/a |
| £ 20,001 to £ 30,000 | - | - | n/a | n/a |
| £ 30,001 to £ 40,000 | - | - | n/a | n/a |
| £ 40,001 to £ 50,000 | - | 1 | n/a | n/a |
| £ 50,001 to £ 60,000 | 1 | 1 | n/a | n/a |
| £ 60,001 to £ 70,000 | 1 | 2 | - | - |
| £ 70,001 to £ 80,001 | 2 | - | - | - |
| £ 90,001 to £ 100,000 | - | 1 | - | - |
| £100,001 to £ 110,000 | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| | 5 | 7 | - | - |
| | | | | |

Names of the key management personnel, their periods of employment and their fractional appointments are set out on page 2.

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7 EMOLUMENTS OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the College and are represented by the Executive Management Group which comprises the 5 posts of Principal, Deputy Principal, Vice Principal - Finance and Projects, Assistant Principal - Operations, and the MIS Director. The number of personnel disclosed in the 2017 comparatives below is greater than 5 as a result of a resignation and appointment to one post during the year and the inclusion for part of the year of the former post of Head of HR.

| 2018 No. | 2017 No. |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| 5 | 7 |
| | |
| 2018 | 2017 |
| £'000 | £'000 |
| 372 | 437 |
| 46 | 43 |
| - | 2 |
| 418 | 482 |
| 41 | 33 |
| 459 | 515 |
| | No. 5 2018 £'000 372 46 - 418 41 |

There were no amounts due to key management personnel that were waived in the year, nor any salary sacrifice arrangements in place.

The above compensation includes amounts payable to the Accounting Officer (who was also the highest paid senior postholder) of:

| | 2018 £'000 | 2017 £'000 |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Salaries Benefits-in-kind | 106 - | 102 2 |
| | 106 | 104 |
| Pension contributions | 18 | 17 |

The pension contributions for the Accounting Officer and one other key management personnel are in respect of employer's contributions to the Teachers' Pension Scheme and for the other key management personnel are in respect of the College's Group Personal Pension Scheme. The employer contributions are paid at the same rate as for other employees and the pension entitlements accrue in the scheme on the same basis as for other employees.

The members of the Corporation, other than the Accounting Officer and staff governors, did not receive any payment from the College, other than reimbursement of travel and subsistence expenses incurred in the course of their duties.

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8 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

| | 2018 £'000 | 2017 £'000 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Teaching costs | 122 | 227 |
| Non-teaching costs | 544 | 576 |
| Premises costs | 454 | 485 |
| | 1,120 | 1,288 |
| Included in the total of other operating expenses are: | | |
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| · | £'000 | £'000 |
| Auditors' remuneration: | | |
| Financial Statements and Regularity audit | 20 | 20 |
| Internal audit | - | 10 |
| Other services provided by the Financial Statements Auditor for | | |
| Teachers' Pension audit and submission of Corporation Tax Return | 2 | 2 |
| Hire of assets under operating leases | 3 | 3 |
| Losses/(gains) on disposal of assets | 14 | - |
| 9 INTEREST AND OTHER FINANCE COSTS | | |
| | 2018 £'000 | 2017 £'000 |
| Interest payable on bank loans repayable wholly | | |
| or partly in more than five years | 56 | 59 ———— |

10 TAXATION

The College has charitable status for taxation purposes and the members of the Corporation consider that all the activities of the College during the current and preceding years fell within qualifying categories and no Corporation Tax arises. Accordingly no provision for corporation tax is made in the accounts in either year.

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11 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

| | Freehold Land and Buildings £'000 | Building Improve- ments £'000 | Computer Equipment £'000 | Furniture Fixtures and Fittings 0 £'000 | Assets in Course of Construction | Total £'000 |
|---------------------|--|--|--------------------------|--|--|----------------|
| Cost or valuation | | | | | | |
| At 1 August 2017 | 6,711 | 1,065 | 1,027 | 521 | <u>-</u> ` | 9,324 |
| Additions | - | 8 | 98 | 4 | 177 | 287 |
| Disposals | - | - | (119) | (56) | - | (175) |
| At 31 July 2018 | 6,711 | 1,073 | 1,006 | 469 | 177 | 9,436 |
| Depreciation | | | | | | |
| At 1 August 2017 | 1,278 | 548 | 942 | 376 | - | 3,144 |
| Charge for the year | 131 | 80 | 79 | 47 | - | 337 |
| Disposals | - | - | (119) | (39) | - | (158) |
| At 31 July 2018 | 1,409 | 628 | 902 | 384 | - | 3,323 |
| Net book value | | | | | | |
| At 31 July 2018 | 5,302 | 445 | 104 | 85 | 177 | 6,113 |
| At 31 July 2017 | 5,433 | 517 | 85 | 145 | | 6,180 |

12 LISTED INVESTMENTS

| | Unrestricted Assets £'000 | Endowment Assets £'000 | Total £'000 |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Market value of listed investments | | | |
| At 1 August 2017 | 2,741 | 1,821 | 4,562 |
| Appreciation of investments | 237 | 158 | 395 |
| Total portfolio value at 31 July 2018 | 2,978 | 1,979 | 4,957 |
| Cost of listed investments at 31 July 2018 | 2,219 | 1,437 | 3,656 |
| Total net unrealised gains at | | | |
| 31 July 2018 included above | 759 ———— | 542 | 1,301 |

Analysis of total portfolio value

Pooled investment vehicles 4,957

At 31 July 2018 listed investments included the following holding deemed material when compared with the overall portfolio valuation as at that date:

| | Market value | % of |
|---|--------------|-----------------|
| | £'000 | portfolio value |
| Newton Growth and Income Fund for charities | 4,957 | 100% |
| | | |

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13 INVESTMENT PROPERTY

| | 2018 £'000 | 2017 £'000 |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| At 1 August 2017 | 1,780 | 1,780 |
| Revaluation of investment property | (120) | - |
| At 31 July 2018 | 1,660 | 1,780 |

The College owns the freehold of the property immediately adjacent to the main college building in Crowndale Road. The building is not used for the delivery of education and is let out as residential accommodation on a commercial basis. The net revenue generated is applied to the charitable purposes of the College.

In accordance with the requirements of FRS102 and the FE HE SORP, the property is treated as an investment property and carried at its estimated market value at the balance sheet date.

14 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| Amounts falling due within one year | | |
| Trade receivables | 66 | 41 |
| Prepayments and accrued income | 172 | 164 |
| Other debtors | 14 | 9 |
| Amounts owed by funding bodies | 128 | 76 |
| | 380 | 290 |

15 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 2018 £'000 | 2017 £'000 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Bank loans (note 17) | 77 | 73 |
| Payments received in advance | 135 | 142 |
| Trade payables | 216 | 171 |
| Other taxation and social security | 74 | 66 |
| Accruals and deferred income | 168 | 195 |
| Deferred income - government capital grants | 67 | 93 |
| Amounts owed to funding bodies | 191 | 199 |
| Other creditors | 67 | 56 |
| | 995 | 995 |
| | | |

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16 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR

| | | 2018 £'000 | 2017 £'000 |
|----|---|---------------|---------------|
| | Bank loans (note 17) | 886 | 963 |
| | Deferred income - government capital grants | 1,639 | 1,692 |
| | | 2,525 | 2,655 |
| 17 | MATURITY OF DEBT | | |
| | | 2018 | 2017 |
| | | £'000 | £'000 |
| | Bank loans are repayable as follows: | | |
| | In one year or less | 77 | 73 |
| | Between one and two years | 81 | 77 |
| | Between two and five years | 272 | 258 |
| | In five years or more | 533 | 628 |
| | | 963 | 1,036 |

The College took out an unsecured loan in 2007 to support phase 1 of the Crowndale Road building refurbishment. The loan is at a fixed interest rate of 5.485% and repayable by equal quarterly instalments from 3 December 2007 to 1 December 2027.

A second unsecured loan was taken out in 2011 to support the second phase of the Crowndale Road building refurbishment. The loan is at a fixed interest rate of 5.73% and repayable by equal quarterly instalments from 14 November 2011 to 14 August 2028.

18 ENDOWMENTS

| | Permanent £'000 | Expendable £'000 | Total £'000 |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| At 1 August 2017 | 240 | 1,581 | 1,821 |
| Appreciation of endowment asset investments | 20 | 138 | 158 |
| At 31 July 2018 | 260 | 1,719 | 1,979 |
| Representing: | | | |
| Prize funds | 87 | - | 87 |
| Library funds | 135 | - | 135 |
| Other funds | 38 | 1,719 | 1,757 |
| | 260 | 1,719 | 1,979 |
| | Permanent £'000 | Expendable £'000 | Total £'000 |
| At 1 August 2016 | 232 | 1,527 | 1,759 |
| Appreciation of endowment asset investments | 8 | 54 | 62 |
| At 31 July 2017 | 240 | 1,581 | 1,821 |
| Representing: | | | |
| Prize funds | 80 | - | . 80 |
| Library funds | 125 | - | 125 |
| Other funds | 35 | 1,581 | 1,616 |
| | 240 | 1,581 | 1,821 |

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19 DEFINED BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

Most of the College's employees are members of one of the two principal post employment benefit plans: the Teachers' Pension Scheme England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff and a College Group Personal Pension Scheme for non-teaching staff which is managed by Aviva. The TPS is a defined benefit scheme and the group personal pension scheme is a defined contribution scheme. No defined benefit pension liability arises as a result of contributions to the Group Personal Pension Scheme.

The total pension cost for the year was:

| | 2018 £'000 | 2017 £'000 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Teachers' pension scheme - contributions paid Group personal pension scheme - contributions paid | 279 53 | 277 56 |
| Total pension cost for the year (note 6) | 332 | 333 |

The TPS pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The latest formal actuarial valuation of the TPS was 31 March 2012.

Contributions amounting to £ 47,000 (2017 - £ 40,000) for the TPS and £ 6,000 (2017 - £ 5,000) for the group personal pension scheme were payable to the scheme at 31 July and are included in creditors. The liabilities were paid to the relevant schemes in the new financial year.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010, and, from 1 April 2014, by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. These regulations apply to teachers in schools and other educational establishments, including academies, in England and Wales that are maintained by local authorities. In addition, teachers in many independent and voluntary-aided schools and teachers and lecturers in some establishments of further and higher education may be eligible for membership. Membership is automatic for full-time teachers and lecturers and, from 1 January 2007, automatic too for teachers and lecturers in part-time employment following appointment or a change of contract. Teachers and lecturers are able to opt out of the TPS.

The Teachers' Pension Budgeting and Valuation Account

Although members may be employed by various bodies, their retirement and other pension benefits are set out in regulations made under the Superannuation Act 1972 and are paid by public funds provided by Parliament. The TPS is an unfunded scheme and members contribute on a 'pay as you go' basis – these contributions, along with those made by employers, are credited to the Exchequer under arrangements governed by the above Act. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

The Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010 require an annual account, the Teachers' Pension Budgeting and Valuation Account, to be kept of receipts and expenditure (including the cost of pension increases). From 1 April 2001, the Account has been credited with a real rate of return, which is equivalent to assuming that the balance in the Account is invested in notional investments that produce that real rate of return.

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The latest actuarial review of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2012 and in accordance with The Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education (the Department) on 9 June 2014. The key results of the valuation and the subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates were set at 16.48% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% levy for administration);
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated costs of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £191.5 billion, and notional assets of £176.6 billion, giving a notional past service deficit of £14.9 billion.

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19 DEFINED BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS (continued)

- an employer cost cap of 10.9% of pensionable pay will be applied to future valuations
- the assumed real rate of return is 3% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2,75%. The assumed nominal rate of return is 5.06%

The new employer contribution rate for the TPS was implemented in September 2015.

A full copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation can be found on the Teachers' Pension Scheme website at the following location:

https://www.teacherspensions.co.uk/news/employers/2014/06/publication-of-the-valuation-report.aspx

Scheme Changes

Following the Hutton report in March 2011 and the subsequent consultations with trade unions and other representative bodies on reform of the TPS, the Department published a Proposed Final Agreement, setting out the design for a reformed TPS to be implemented from 1 April 2015.

The key provisions of the reformed scheme include: a pension based on career average earnings; an accrual rate of 1/57th; and a Normal Pension Age equal to State Pension Age, but with options to enable members to retire earlier or later than their Normal Pension Age. Importantly, pension benefits built up before 1 April 2015 will be fully protected.

In addition, the Proposed Final Agreement includes a Government commitment that those within 10 years of Normal Pension Age on 1 April 2012 will see no change to the age at which they can retire, and no decrease in the amount of pension they receive when they retire. There will also be further transitional protection, tapered over a three and a half year period, for people who would fall up to three and a half years outside the 10 year protection.

Regulations giving effect to a Reformed teachers' Pension Scheme came into force on 1 April 2014 and the reformed scheme commenced on 1 April 2015.

The pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £ 279,000 (2017: £277,000)

FRS 102 (28)

Under the definitions set out in Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102 (28.11), the TPS is a multi-employer pension plan. The College is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the plan.

Accordingly, the College has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 and has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined-contribution plan. The College has set out above the information available on the scheme and the implications for the College in terms of the anticipated contribution rates.

20 FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

| | 2018 £'000 | 2017 £'000 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Capital commitments | | |
| Contracted for but not provided at 31 July | 1,852 | 10 |
| Authorised but not yet contracted for at 31 July | <u> </u> | 46 |

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21 EVENTS AFTÉR THE REPORTING PERIOD

There are no events after the reporting period which would have a material impact on the financial statements and require either adjustment or disclosure.

22 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Due to the nature of the College's operations and the composition of the Corporation, being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, it is inevitable that transactions will take place with organisations in which a member of the Corporation may have an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the College's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures. No transactions were identified during the year which should be disclosed.

The total expenses paid to or on behalf of the Corporation members during the year were £448 relating to 2 governors (2017 - £540 relating to four governors). This represents travel and subsistence expenses and other out of pocket expenses incurred in attending Governor meetings or Governor training events.

No Governor has received any remuneration or waived payments from the College during the current or previous year.

23 DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE

The College has purchased directors' and officers' liability insurance. The insurance premium paid by the College for the year ended 31 July 2018 was £1,933 (2017 - £1,933) and provides cover of up to a maximum of £2 million for all claims during a year.

24 MEMBERS' LIABILITY

Every member of the Corporation undertakes to contribute to the assets of the College in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member such amount as may be required, but not exceeding five pence.

25 AMOUNTS DISBURSED AS AGENT

| | 2018 £'000 | 2018 £'000 | 2017 £'000 |
|---|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Unspent balance at 1 August Repaid to EFSA in year | | 91 (46) | 92 (47) |
| ESFA grants - Discretionary Learner Support ESFA student financial support Loans bursary fund | | - - 58 | 1 58 |
| | - | 103 | 104 |
| Disbursed to Students Administration costs incurred by the College Area uplift re 24+ advanced learning loans | (1) - (10) | - | (1) - (12) |
| | | (11) | (13) |
| Balance unspent at 31 July included in creditors | = | 92 | 91 |

Funding body grants are available solely for students. In the majority of instances, the College acts only as a paying agent. In these circumstances, the grants and related disbursements are therefore excluded from the Statement of Comprehensive Income.