

## Minutes of the Hybrid Audit Committee Meeting Held at 3.45pm on 29 September 2025

Present: Prue Amner (Teams), Huw Chapman (Teams), Ashley Cullen (Teams, joined at 3.50pm), Shirley Nellthorpe (Teams) & Pauline Tiller (chair, in boardroom)

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Paola Schweitzer

Maria Vetrone

Director of Governance

COO

Minutes

## 260 Attendance and Participation

There were no apologies for absence.

## 261 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## 262 Regularity Self-Assessment Questionnaire (paper 869/25/A)

The regularity self-assessment questionnaire (RSAQ) was a mandatory document that, once approved by Corporation, was submitted to the external auditors and considered as part of their annual regularity opinion.

The College was compliant in all areas and there were no outstanding issues to report. Maria noted that this reflected the College was a maturing organisation, and was out of financial notice to improve and had closed all its subsidiary companies except for COPC Enterprises Ltd. Governors discussed the questionnaire and made a number of suggestions including:

- Increase references to internal audits carried out throughout the year
- Reference Shirley's role as safeguarding lead governors
- State Corporation receives annual Compliments & Complaints (Feedback) report and that the whistleblowing policy was under review in 2024/25

There was a brief discussion about apprenticeships and funding clawbacks. Maria was awaiting advice on whether the insurance claim following the Tower flooding would need to be recorded as a post balance sheet event. Pauline left her annotated copy of the RSAQ with Maria at the end of the meeting and it was agreed the amendments would be incorporated where appropriate. Governors noted that it was a very positive report and **Agreed** to recommend the RSAQ to Corporation.

The meeting ended at 4.15pm