

Interim governance arrangements during Covid-19 pandemic

Introduction

Due to the exceptional and challenging circumstances being experienced currently, it is proposed that interim governance arrangements be introduced for the period 3 April 2020 to 12 May 2020 inclusive, to be reviewed prior to the end of that period.

Objective

This governance arrangement aims to ensure continuity of the LGB's decision-making in order to avoid disruption to operations during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The arrangement enables the Chair of the LGB to take 'Chair's action' where necessary between LGB meetings, as permitted in the LGB's Standing Orders (see footnote).

Meetings

It is assumed that LGB meetings planned for the remainder of the 2019/20 academic year will proceed on the agreed dates, with participation being virtual if Covid-19 requirements regarding social interaction continue to apply.

Decisions between scheduled LGB meetings

Any requests for a decision which requires taking between the scheduled LGB meetings will have the support of the Executive Principal.

If the decision is considered by the Chair to be significant in nature, an extraordinary LGB meeting may be called by the Chair – this being held by virtual means.

Chair's action

In instances where the matter requiring a decision is not considered by the Chair to require the convening of an extraordinary meeting, it may be decided upon by 'Chair's action'.

Depending on the nature of the decision, the Chair may choose to consult the LGB Vice-Chair in reaching a decision.

A record of all actions taken by the Chair will be reported to all Governors retrospectively and referred to at the next LGB meeting, at which the taking of the decisions will be minuted.

Action proposed

The LGB's approval is sought for the introduction of the interim governance arrangement outlined above.

Extract from LGB's Standing Orders

- 4.2 *Where a power or function has been delegated to the LGB, the LGB may sub-delegate to a Committee, any person serving on the LGB, the Principal or any other holder of an executive office, such of its powers or functions as it considers desirable to be exercised by them. Any such sub delegation may be made subject to any conditions which either the Directors or the LGB may impose and such sub delegation may be revoked or altered at any time.*
- 4.3 *Where any power or function of the Directors or the LGB is exercised by any Director or member of the LGB, the Principal or any other holder of an executive office, that person must report it to the next meeting of the LGB immediately following the taking of the action or the making of the decision.*