



Role description for Chair of the Governing Body ('Corporation')

Appointment

The Chair shall normally be elected by the Board at the last Corporation meeting of the relevant calendar year and the appointment shall be made for a period of two years, in accordance with all statutory procedures, including the Instrument and Articles of Government and the Standing Orders.

Accountability

The Chair is accountable to the Corporation Board.

Role Summary

The role of the governing body Chair is fundamental to its success. The Chair is responsible for providing effective leadership of the Corporation Board in the discharge of its duties, in accordance with the Instrument and Articles of Governance¹.

The Chair will provide the leadership to ensure that:

- the Corporation (the 'Board') delivers highly effective governance for the College, fulfilling the highest standards of corporate governance at all times
- the Board functions as a unit and works closely with the Senior Executive Team to achieve the College's strategy and objectives
- accountability is maintained for the effective and efficient use of resources, and safeguarding the College students, staff, assets and estate
- the Board offers appropriate challenge and support to the Senior Executive Team
- as Chair, support, advice and guidance is provided to individual governors to assist their effective contributions to collective governance
- governors are supported as powerful ambassadors for the College in the wider community as well as to students and staff.

The Chair will develop strong working relationships with key stakeholders, including employers, local authorities and with chairs of neighbouring colleges and other educational institutions as appropriate.

Responsibilities

1. To continue to develop the board of governors which has strategic oversight of the organisation.

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https://www.wlc.ac.uk/images/governors/EHWLC_Instruments_and_Articles_Amended_and_Approved_2603_20_FINAL.pdf

2. To ensure that the Board meets its external accountabilities and fulfils its duties in determining the College mission, setting and monitoring corporate objectives, articulating the College's vision, and maintaining and developing its ethos.
3. To understand and focus on the main strategic issues bearing on the College, keeping always as a lodestone the College's responsiveness to the students, employers and communities it serves.
4. To work with the Board and Executive in setting the educational character of the College; ensuring that students and the skills needs of the local economy

18. To discuss with the Governance Professional, where necessary, any matters relating to an individual Member's attendance, performance, or conduct, and to agree on such action as should be taken.
19. To be willing to attend any necessary and appropriate professional development, whenever practicable.
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