

Minutes of the meeting of the Steering Group for the development of the Scottish Code of Good Higher Education Governance 25 June 2013 at the Royal Society of Edinburgh, George St, Edinburgh

APOLOGIES

Tony Brian
Dr Peter West

ATTENDING

Steering Group members:

Lord Smith of Kelvin Kt (Chair)
Rt Hon Dame Elish Angiolini (By Phone)
Simon Pepper
David Ross
Eric Sanderson

Consultant:

Kevin Clarke

Special Consultee on behalf of the SSIs:

Lord Vallance of Tummel

Secretariat:

David Lott
Pauline Ward

13-16 Responses to the consultation on the Draft Code

- All responses Paper SCoG 19

Members of the Steering Group considered the paper which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Responses from governing bodies had been supportive of the consultation draft. A number of responses had offered specific observation on the draft text, sometimes offering proposed amendments. In some cases respondents had taken the opportunity to highlight new ideas or broader issues connected to university governance and operations.

The Group noted their appreciation of all the submitted responses which would inform their re-consideration of the draft code.

13-17 Consideration of the draft code in light of consultation responses Paper SCoG 21

The Group considered the Draft Code in light of the consultation responses and the meetings during the consultation process with the Education and Culture Committee of the Scottish Parliament and with the NUS and STUC unions. To assist discussion, the paper set out the specific amendments to the draft code suggested by respondents and these were considered alongside the broader comments and issues raised in the responses.

The Steering Group discussed and agreed a number of specific amendments to the Code, and the accompanying guidelines and requested that the secretariat produce a final draft of the Code, incorporating the agreed amendments, for their consideration by correspondence.

13-18 Finalisation of the code Paper SCoG 22

It was agreed that a final draft of the Code, reflecting agreed changes, would be circulated for agreement by correspondence.

It was expected the Code could be presented to the Chairs of Scottish institutions in mid July, and that their Chair would submit the Code to SFC shortly thereafter.

The Group agreed that the Code should be published on the Steering Group's website and that respondents to the consultation should be alerted to the publication.

13-19 AOB

Steering Group members thanked the Chair for his efforts. The Chair thanked all Steering Group members, the consultants and the secretariat for their contribution.

Lord Smith of Kelvin Kt
David Lott
5 July 2013