

Chair	Danny Ridgeway
Corporation Members	Geoffrey Makstutis, John McMahon, Paul Stephen
In Attendance	Deputy CEO: Jamie Purser Chief & Financial Operating Officer: Judith Abbott Vice Principal, Study Programmes, HE & Quality: Simon Drane
Director of Governance	Judith Nelson

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PRELIMINARY PROCEDURAL MATTERS	
1.	Chair's Welcome & Opening Remarks The Chair welcomed Simon Drane, Vice Principal and all in attendance.
2.	Apologies For Absence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jamie Purser Geoffrey Makstutis
3.	Declaration of Interests None
4.	Minutes of the Last Meeting Held on 26 June 2024 The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.
5.	Matters Arising and Action Points from the Meeting There were no outstanding items to report.
ITEMS FOR CHALLENGE, MONITORING & REVIEW (INTENT / IMPLEMENTATION / IMPACT)	
6.	<p>College Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) 2024-2025 Position Update Governors reviewed and noted the KPIs, with most indicators rated as amber at this early stage in the year. Areas of concern are student attendance, work experience / industrial placements, and recruitment to T Levels and HE programmes.</p> <p>The overestimation of performance at summer examinations has led to inaccurate predictions of achievement, predominantly in Construction, and Create. The Principal provided governors with assurance that the leadership structure has been strengthened with new appointments - Director of Quality, Director, Teaching & Learning Director of Digital Transformation & Innovation.</p>
7.	<p>Achievement Rates and Self- Assessment Report (SAR) for 2023-24 Governors reviewed and noted the following: Attendance was low, and Creative and Construction were the main areas of concern. English and Maths was 1.5% lower than this time last year. The Chair raised concerns that attendance continues to be identified as an area for improvement. The data needs to be interrogated in granularity, in order for the committee to have a better understanding of issues and emerging themes behind low attendance and any impact on the quality of teaching and learning.</p> <p>The Committee noted the SAR required a high-level review, which needed to be simplified and also align to the quality improvement plan, prior to recommending to the Corporation Board for approval.</p> <p>The Committee RESOLVED to recommend the proposed SAR grades to the Corporation Board for approval.</p>

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	It should also be noted, outside of this Committee the Chair formed part of the SAR review panel, alongside an external reviewer with Ofsted background, which took place prior to the December Corporation Board.
8.	<p>Enrolment Update Report</p> <p>Governors reviewed and noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The College has achieved its strongest-ever round of 16–18 recruitment, surpassing the previous record (RO3) by an impressive 10%. ▪ Last year, the College enrolled 1,997 learners internally in term 1. ▪ Currently there are 2,293 enrolled learners on study programmes, 288 above the allocation of 2005 and a 15% increase on the same time last year. ▪ The College had almost 2,700 learners enrolled at the highest point but has had 339 leavers with 240 being withdrawn and 99 never attending after enrolment. Often students enrol at multiple colleges and elect to study elsewhere. Poor attendance has also led to withdrawals where interventions to support have failed. Further analysis will be undertaken post census date to examine the reasons for student attrition (c12%). ▪ Adult Programmes: The GLA ASF grant allocation of c £14.2m from last year, is maintained this year. Last year, the College delivered just under 103% of its core AEB contract, achieving the maximum overpayment threshold. This is a positive change from previous years as the college struggled to hit the 97% minimum threshold and avoid clawback. ▪ Apprenticeships have a target of 120 new starts in 24/25. In 22/23 there were 54 enrolments by this point in the year. In 23/24 this increased to 76 and it has increased to 102 in 24/25. The growth in starts is positive and the full year recruitment target will likely be achieved in the January intake. <p>The Committee extended their congratulations on an excellent enrolment position and were pleased to note that <i>'Newham College has moved from last to first choice in the minds of many local residents.'</i></p>
9.	<p>NewVlc SAR and Ofsted Monitoring Report</p> <p>Governors were pleased to note the outcome of the NewVlc Ofsted monitoring report, noting the progress under the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Governors, leaders and managers understanding the quality of provision and in taking appropriate action to improve learners' experience - Significant ▪ Teachers made in setting targets for learners with high needs that link to their education and healthcare (EHC) plan outcomes and to the knowledge and skills they need to learn, and in providing learners planned opportunities to achieve their targets - Reasonable ▪ Leaders and staff made in increasing the proportion of learners who achieve their qualifications - Reasonable <p>Congratulations were extended to Jamie and the NewVlc team for the excellent progress in a short space of time.</p>
10.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>None</p>
11.	<p>Meeting Schedule for 2024-2025 @ 5:30pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 05 March 2025 (rescheduled to 11 March) ▪ 25 June 2025