

Quality & Standards Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4 February 2026

Present: Alan Foster (Virtual), Diana Hoskins (Committee Chair), Pat Mould (Chair of the Corporation), Andrea Page, Colin Peaks (Principal), Lois Thorley and Paul Waltham (virtual).

In attendance: Stewart Edwards (Assistant Principal), Rachel Hitchenor (Assistant Principal), Suzanna May (Deputy Principal, Laura Skarratt (Governance Professional).

33. Apologies for absence (agenda item 1)

The Chair welcomed the members and attendees, noting that the work undertaken at the recent Corporation Strategy meeting in January 2026 has given steer to the College and links clearly to the work of the committee.

The Governance Professional advised that governor Andrea Page will be late to the meeting owing to her responsibilities as Chair of Governors at Griffin Park Primary School.

Resolved: No apologies for absence were received.

34. Declarations of interest (agenda item 2)

Resolved: No declarations of interest were received.

35. Minutes of the previous meeting on the 6 November 2025 (agenda item 3)

Governor Lois Thorley requested amendment to minute 28d, 'presentation' to be updated to 'professional conversation'.

The Corporation Chair noted a typo in minute 28d 'complaint' to be corrected to 'compliant'.

Governor Alan Foster noted that he is not recorded as being in attendance nor sending apologies.

Resolved: The minutes of the meetings held on 6 November 2025 were received and confirmed subject to minor amendments as detailed within the minute, the Chair was authorised to sign subject to the agreed amendments.

36. Matters arising from the minutes/ action schedule (agenda item 4)

Resolved: All matters arising from the minutes are complete.

37. Final College Self-Assessment Report (agenda item 5)

It was agreed that minute 37 should be classified as confidential in accordance with Clause 17 (2) of the Instrument of Government (**SEE SECTION B**).

38. Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) (agenda item 6)

It was agreed that minute 38 should be classified as confidential in accordance with Clause 17 (2) of the Instrument of Government **(SEE SECTION B)**.

39. Student Destinations and IAG Annual Report (agenda item 7)

It was agreed that minute 39 should be classified as confidential in accordance with Clause 17 (2) of the Instrument of Government **(SEE SECTION B)**.

40. Quality Assurance (agenda item 8)

It was agreed that minute 40 should be classified as confidential in accordance with Clause 17 (2) of the Instrument of Government **(SEE SECTION B)**.

41. TLA Improvements (agenda item 9)

It was agreed that minute 41 should be classified as confidential in accordance with Clause 17 (2) of the Instrument of Government **(SEE SECTION B)**.

42. Student Voice (agenda item 10)

[Governor Andrea Page joined the meeting at 17:00]

The Assistant Principal (RSH) advised that the TLA coaches have reviewed the Student Voice questions and have updated a number of these. The Assistant Principal advised that the student voice survey currently open and at present the rate of completion is good. The aim is to have a 70% completion rate at the end of the survey. The outcomes will be reported to the committee in due course.

The Chair gave thanks to the Assistant Principal for the update and expressed that the committee will look forward to receiving the outcomes and update at the next meeting in May.

Resolved: The Student Voice update was received.

43. Accountability Statement (agenda item 11)

The Deputy Principal advised that the current Accountability Statement covers a three-year period, mapping to the Humber and East Yorkshire (HEY) Local Skills and Improvement Plan (LSIP). At present, the HEY LSIP is being revised and therefore the College is waiting this release before the Accountability Statement can be produced. The Deputy Principal reminded governors that the Accountability Statement now forms part of the funding agreement. With regards to the new HEY LSIP, the focus will be refined down to four key areas: Tech skills, Teaching and Learning, Employment Skills and the Green Agenda. The Deputy Principal provided a brief overview of each area of focus, giving assurance that the College will continue to be well-placed with the refined themes. The draft LSIP is due in March 2026 and then the College will need to draw-up the next accountability statement, and this will require Corporation approval before submission. The committee heard that the College is an active participant in the Hull and Humber Chamber of Commerce, and is actively feeding into the

new LSIP priorities. Recent Hub meetings have been attended by teachers from the College and this is an important contribution for the College and employers.

Alan Foster questioned if teachers are being taken out of teaching time to attend such meetings, or if they fall outside normal hours? The Deputy Principal advised that impact on teaching time is a consideration and noted the importance of teachers being at these meetings and the benefits of this. She advised that in order to have the least impact on teaching, attendance will be split between individuals based on availability, and therefore it is unlikely that one named person per faculty or area will be nominated to go.

The Corporation Chair noted the difficulty for the College to draw-up the accountability statement with little steer from the LSIP. The Deputy Principal agreed, and noted her frustration at the lack of supporting curriculum for the 'green agenda' and her hope that the LSIP, and Curriculum Reform and introduction of new V Levels will address.

The Corporation Chair questioned if the SLT need the Corporation to correspond or send a letter to the Chamber. The Principal thanked the Chair for the offer of support, he advised of the impact of devolution, delays and frustrations felt within the sector, he advised of plans for a collective letter to be sent which was being organised by Anne Hardy from TEC group..

Resolved: The Accountability Statement update was received.

44. Governor Scrutiny (agenda item 12)

The Governance Professional advised the committee that the following scrutiny areas were approved by the Corporation for 2025-26:

- a) EHCP
- b) Inclusion
- c) Employer Relations / Staff Development

The EHCP scrutiny has been delayed but is due to be complete in the spring term. The Governance Professional sought any further expressions of interest to be made directly and advised that the next stage will be to arrange suitable dates with governors and the SLT. The Assistant Principal (SDE) asked that the Employer Relations / Staff Development to be scheduled in the summer term and sufficient time between the EHCP and inclusion scrutiny. The Deputy Principal suggested that the Inclusion scrutiny could be a desktop review, testing inclusion across key areas of inspection, and then selecting a student and staff panel based from this exercise. This was discussed and agreed. Governor Andrea Page volunteered to complete this scrutiny.

Resolved: The governor scrutiny update was received.

45. Any other Business (agenda item 13)

The Chair of the Corporation invited feedback from Andrea Page on her experience of the new inspection framework today as Chair of Governors at Griffin Park Primary. Andrea advised the inspection was rigorous, noting a change to the mood and tone of inspection and that inclusion was a reoccurring theme, being tested across all areas of the framework.

Resolved: Any other business was complete.

46. Confidential Items (agenda item 14)

It was agreed that minutes 37-41 should be classified as confidential in accordance with Clause 17 (2) of the Instrument of Government and associated reports are therefore not available for circulation to the public, College staff or students (excluding senior post holders).

47. Date of next meeting (agenda item 15)

The Committee Chair advised that she will not be available for the next committee meeting.

Resolved: The next meeting is scheduled for the 6 May 2026.

Action schedule

Min. no.	Title	Action by	Action

Learner impact

The Committee scrutinised and provided appropriate challenge in the following areas, all of which helps to improve student performance and achievement:

- Ensuring measures are in place to ensure a safe and effective learning environment.
- Scrutinising the College's assessment and judgement of its performance, as well as priorities moving forward, to ensure that any areas for development are addressed.
- Ensuring effective support is in place for students.
- Undertaking governor scrutiny activities to ensure the College is meeting its legal duties in relation to the Single Central Register.

Section B: Confidential Minutes

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Confidential Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th February 2026

It was agreed that the following minutes should be classified as confidential in accordance with Clause 17 (2) of the Instrument of Government and associated reports are therefore not available for circulation to the public, College staff or students (excluding senior post holders).

Approved