# REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2019



#### Key Management Personnel, Board of Governors and Professional advisers

#### Key management personnel

Key management personnel are defined as members of the College Senior Management Team and were represented by the following in 2018/19

Sara Russell

Principal and CEO; Accounting Officer

Dave Cartwright

Vice Principal

Julia Tucker

Deputy Principal (Students)

Nick Allen

Assistant Principal (Quality)

Note Sara Russell replaced Stephen Carville as Principal and CEO effective 31/08/18

#### **Board of Governors**

A full list of Governors is given on page 18 of these financial statements. Mrs H Walsh acted as Clerk to the Corporation throughout the period

#### Professional advisers

Financial Statement & Regularity Auditors

RSM UK Audit LLP

Highfield Court

Tollgate

Chandlers Ford Eastleigh Hampshire SO53 3TY

Internal Auditors

Mazars LLP Merck House Scldown Poole Dorset BH15 1TW

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Lloyds TSB 49 High Street Winchester Hampshire SO23 9BU

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Blake Morgan
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Chandler's Ford

Chandler's Ford Eastleigh SO53 3LG

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# Members' Report

# Nature, Objectives and Strategies:

The members present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2019.

#### Legal status

The Corporation was established under the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 for the purpose of conducting Peter Symonds College. The College is an exempt charity for the purposes of Part 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is not liable to corporation tax.

#### **Public Benefit**

Peter Symonds College is an exempt charity under Part 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and following the Machinery of Government changes in July 2016 is regulated by the Secretary of State for Education. The members of the Governing body, who are trustees of the charity, are disclosed on page 18.

In setting and reviewing the College's strategic objectives, the Governing body has had due regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and particularly upon its supplementary guidance on the advancement of education. The guidance sets out the requirement that all organisations wishing to be recognised as charities must demonstrate, explicitly, that their aims are for the public benefit.

In delivering its mission, the College provides the following identifiable public benefits through the advancement of education:

- · High-quality teaching
- Widening participation
- Excellent employment record for students
- Strong student support systems
- Links with employers, industry and commerce
- Links with Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs).

#### Mission and Vision

Governors reviewed the College's mission during 2016/7 and in July 2017 adopted a revised vision statement as below:

# Vision: 'Counting in Ones'

'Counting in Ones' is our motto and is the key principle which guides everything we do. Each student is an individual with their own distinctive personal needs. We aim to work in the best interests of each individual, helping them to fulfil their potential and realise their aspirations. High expectations are at the heart of our vision for the College and all of its students and staff.

We aim to promote and support high achievement, providing an environment in which learners can grow in confidence and independence, and develop the knowledge, skills and aptitudes needed to progress to higher education or employment.

We seek to develop well-rounded, open-minded individuals with ambitious goals and a sense of social responsibility towards the local, national and international communities of which they are a part. As a large college we are able to offer a wide range of both curricular and extra-curricular opportunities, enabling students to broaden their horizons and try new experiences.

Our reputation as a popular and highly successful sixth form college is well established. We aim to be leaders in the sector in promoting, developing and sharing high quality, innovative teaching and learning and highly effective student guidance and support.

# The Strategic Aims and Objectives

The College has decided on the objectives set out in the strategic plan following consultation with staff, consideration of detailed needs analysis, and self-assessment. The plan, where appropriate, takes account of national and local priorities.

# 1. Achievement

# Strategic Aim:

To raise achievement so that all learners do their very best in relation to their learning goals, prior attainment and potential

# Strategic Objectives:

- 1.1 To maintain high expectations and outstanding outcomes
- 1.2 To prepare learners for higher education, the workplace and life in wider society

# 2. Teaching Learning and Assessment

# Strategic Aim:

To support and improve learning and achievement through inspirational teaching and rigorous assessment

# Strategic Objectives:

- 2.1 To improve continuously the quality of teaching and learning
- 2.2 To promote and support learning inside and outside the classroom using all available resources
- 2.3 To encourage innovation and the sharing of good practice
- 2.4 To make good use of initial and formative assessment and ensure that regular, rigorous and fair assessment sets high expectations and aspirational targets

# 3. Resources

# Strategic Aim:

To ensure physical resources and staffing support successful teaching and learning

#### Strategic Objectives:

- 3.1 To recruit and retain high calibre staff
- 3.2 To invest in continuous high quality staff development and promote staff wellbeing
- 3.3 To make best use of accommodation and plan effectively for the future development
- 3.4 To maintain and improve our equipment to meet the needs of the curriculum, and support services
- 3.5 To monitor and improve access for students with disabilities
- 3.6 To procure, deploy and dispose of resources with due regard for sustainability and environmental issues

# 4. The Curriculum

# Strategic Aim:

To provide a broad and balanced curriculum which matches learners' needs, aspirations and potential

#### Strategic Objectives:

- 4.1 To identify and respond to the individual learning needs of students
- 4.2 To collaborate with other providers and agencies for the benefit of learners
- 4.3 To maintain a broad programme of enrichment activities
- 4.4 To plan and implement curriculum change effectively

# 5. Guidance and Support

#### Strategic Aim:

To provide learners with support and guidance to safeguard welfare and to monitor and promote personal development and achievement

#### Strategic Objectives:

- 5.1 To develop the quality of information and advice for individual students, including careers education and guidance
- 5.2 To liaise with partner schools to provide additional specialist support for students with learning difficulties and disabilities
- 5.3 To maintain outstanding boarding provision
- 5.4 To monitor progress and report regularly to learners, parents and, where appropriate, employers
- 5.5 To promote and support good health and wellbeing

# 6. External Environment

Strategic Aim:

To respond to external threats and opportunities to maintain the College's stability and core values

#### Strategic Objectives:

- 6.1 To anticipate, influence and respond to relevant government policy
- 6.2 To implement an effective risk management policy
- 6.3 To collaborate with external agencies to the benefit of the college and its community
- 6.4 To market the College effectively, making the most of opportunities to celebrate and publicise successes and achievements

# 7. Leadership and Management

Strategic Aim:

To provide clear leadership, governance and sound management to ensure all learners succeed

# Strategic Objectives:

- 7.1 To promote a college-wide culture of reflective practice and continuous improvement
- 7.2 To review college performance building on strengths and responding to weaknesses appropriately
- 7.3 To plan and manage student numbers, recognising the constraints of accommodation and staffing
- 7.4 To lead and motivate staff to fulfil the strategic objectives of the college
- 7.5 To ensure that communication and consultation with staff is clear and open
- 7.6 To ensure equality of opportunity for staff and students, challenging discrimination and fostering good relations
- 7.7 To optimise college income from a variety of sources whilst ensuring that the college conducts its affairs with probity and due regard to public accountability and the financial health of the college
- 7.8 To ensure that the college conducts its affairs with due regard to its legal framework, including Health and Safety and the safeguarding of its learners
- 7.9 To improve college information systems to support staff and students
- 7.10 To provide sound governance

#### Performance indicators

Targets in the annual operational plan serve as performance indicators. These cover:

- Learner Numbers
- Set Sizes
- Success Rates
- Value Added
- Attendance

#### **FINANCIAL POSITION**

#### Financial results

The College generated an operating surplus of £362,824 (2017/18 £118,766) which, after FRS102 pension and interest adjustments of £433,118 has resulted in a deficit, before other gains and losses, in the year of £70,294 (2017/18 deficit £391,379), with total comprehensive income, after a net negative pension movement in the year of £1,260,000 of (£1,330,294), (2017/18 £758,621). The College has accumulated Income and expenditure reserves of £5,881,819 and cash and cash equivalents of £4,799,319.

The financial health score for the College, as measured by the ESFA continues to be "good".

The college has significant reliance on the education sector funding bodies for its principal funding source, largely from recurrent grants. In 2018/19 FE funding bodies provided 78% (2017/18: 78%) of the college's total income.

The operating surplus and cash reserves are intended to mitigate the impact of future funding cuts and provide a contingency fund.

#### **Treasury Management**

The College operates an Investment policy reviewed annually to ensure that surplus funds are invested to obtain a competitive rate of interest, but at the minimum risk to Capital.

#### Cash Flows and Liquidity

Cash inflow from operating activities was £1,120,852 (2017/18 £513,206) and this resulted in net cash inflow of £1,068,627 (2017/18: £317,348).

#### **Reserves Policy**

The College has no formal Reserves Policy, but recognises the importance of reserves in the financial stability of an organisation, whilst ensuring that adequate resources are provided for the College's core business. The College currently holds restricted reserves of £333,595 (2017/18 £347,645) including an expendable endowment reserve of £269,049. It is the Corporation's intention to increase reserves over the life of the Strategic Plan, by the generation of annual operating surpluses.

# CURRENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND PERFORMANCE Funded Student Numbers 2018-2019

	Plan
Learner Responsive 16-18	4,026

#### Funding Allocated 2018-2019

	Plan		
Learner Responsive 16-18	£16,644,269		
Adult Skills Budget	£378,986		
24+ loans	£299,997		
Total Adult Funding	£678,983		
<b>Total Student funding</b>	£17,323,252		

# Students' Achievements 2018-19

Highlights of the analysis of 2018-19 outcomes include:

Very high retention of students on 16-19 study programmes	According to the retention measure published as part of the achievement and attainment tables (March 2019), far more students (95.1%) reach the end of their courses than is typical. Our analysis suggests that even when prior attainment is taken into account, over the last decade approaching 1,000 extra students have reached the end of their courses than would be expected.
	In 2017-19, the six dimensions analysis suggests that over two years retention is 4.3% higher than what would be expected of students with similar GCSE grades nationally
High 'whole student success' scores	The six dimensions programmes of study analysis looks at the proportion of students who last the full two years of an A level programme and achieve three A levels at the end of it. The analysis suggests that 3.6% more students achieve three or more A levels or equivalent at the end of their courses than would be expected. That equates to 72 additional students.
Strong student progress across A level and applied general provision	According to the L3VA model used by the government in the performance tables, the college is the only one in Hampshire with statistically significant value added for both A level and vocational courses in every year since the inception of the model (with the exception of vocational courses in 2018, when no score was calculated). The 2015 Ofsted inspection report noted that "learners achieve even higher grades than would be expected based on their GCSE grades"
Exceptional student progress sustained over many years in a significant number of subjects	Art (Textiles), Biology, Film Studies, Health and Social Care, and Media Studies A level and the Extended Diploma in Sport have seen consistent high performance sustained for over a decade.
Very small proportion of provision with poor student progress	One exception feature of the College's value added performance is the proportion of provision where student progress falls below national standards. In the Alps report there is a measure of 'blue teaching' which calculates the proportion of enrolments which are in courses where progress is poor. By this measure, the proportion of 'blue teaching' (in the bottom quarter by national standards) is usually exceptionally low (3% in 2018), and is occasionally zero. In 2018-19, 11% of provision was in the blue category, still well below the sector norm of 25% (Source - ALPS reports 2003 to 2019)

Strong progression to university	The interim UCAS report for the 2018-19 application cycle suggests that 1,540 students progressed to university this year. This equates to 89% of those who applied, which is well above the UCAS average of 74%. If the level of 'gap year' application continues at previous levels, over 85% of the 2017-19 cohort will progress to higher education. It is not uncommon for significant numbers of students to apply to university two, three or four years after finishing at the college.
Very high rates of progression to highly selective universities	In 2019, 612 students secured places at Russell Group universities. The college is the largest single contributor of students to the Russell Group. The six dimensions analysis suggests that this is well above what would be expected of similarly qualified students nationally. The Sutton Trust report "Degrees of Success" found that 41% of students who complete level 3 courses at the college progress to the thirty most selective universities in the country. Nationally, just 23% of students progress to these thirty universities. (Source: 'Degrees of Success', the Sutton Trust)
Outstanding progression to Oxbridge and medical degrees	Around 40 students have taken up places at Oxbridge in each of the last twenty years. In 2018, 53 students received Oxbridge offers. Analysis by the Sutton Trust places the college as one of the top five providers of students to Oxbridge, alongside Eton, St Paul's and Westminster independent schools, and Hills Road College, Cambridge. In 2018, 50 students took up places to study medicine, which is almost 1% of those starting to study towards medical degrees across the country.
Exceptional outcomes for students that have progressed to higher education	Data provided by the Higher Education Statistical Agency (HESA) suggests that significantly more ex-Symonds students leave university with first or upper second class degrees than would be expected of students from the state or independent sectors. In 2017, 31% of ex-Symonds students who had progressed to the Russell Group secured first class degrees, compared to 27% from independent schools, and 24% from the state sector.

# **Curriculum Developments**

# Curriculum Reform

All A level subjects are now following reformed linear specifications and have received their first set of student performance outcomes on these specifications. Preparations are being made for all BTEC courses to move to the new NQF BTEC specifications from September 2020, and for the introduction of the new T Level in Education and Childcare. The government consultation and review of applied general qualifications is ongoing and we eagerly await the outcome of this, hoping that we will be able to continue to offer these important qualifications as part of our curriculum mix.

#### Programmes of Study and Curriculum Offer – 16-19 year olds

The standard study programme of three advanced level courses is now embedded, with only a relatively small number (less than 10%) of students undertaking programmes consisting of four courses or equivalent. The change presented significant challenges for the planning of our curriculum offer and the staffing which supports it, but these have been managed effectively. September 2019 saw the introduction of three new Level 3 courses, Criminology, Medical Science (WJEC L3 Diplomas) and Music Performance (BTEC Extended Certificate) as well as changes to our small, but important Level 2 offer. September 2020 will see further expansion of the College curriculum resulting in an offer of 40 A level courses and 10 applied general qualifications.

# **Higher Education Programmes**

The College has a number of HE programmes validated through Middlesex University and the University of Chichester. These include counselling, sport injury and treatment, early years teaching & learning, management, business and insurance. Where apprenticeship standards exist the College has developed degree apprenticeships in these subject areas which can be offered alongside foundation and honour degrees. The academic standards of the awards the College offers, the quality and enhancement of its student learning opportunities and the quality of the information about learning opportunities continue to meet UK expectations.

#### PAYMENT PERFORMANCE

The Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998, which came into force on 1 November 1998, requires colleges, in the absence of agreement to the contrary, to make payments to suppliers within 30 days of either the provision of goods or services or the date on which the invoice was received. The target set by the Treasury for payment to suppliers within 30 days is 95 per cent. During the accounting period 1 August 2018 to 31 July 2019, the College paid 96 per cent of its invoices within 30 days of the invoice date. The College incurred no interest charges in respect of late payment for this period.

# PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES:

The risk register and associated action plans are reviewed and updated at each meeting of the risk management group. A new style register was introduced in 2012. This register incorporates an action plan and risks are aligned with the College's strategic objectives. Risks are also mapped to governing body committees and following recommendations from our external auditors we have adopted a 'three lines of defence' approach to assessing key risks. There is also a separate IT Risk Register and an Academic Risk Register for our higher education provision, both of which are reviewed annually at risk management meetings.

#### Introduction and context

The College's Risk Management Policy was approved by the Board in July 2002. It is reviewed regularly and was reviewed, amended and approved by the Board in May 2016 in line with a recommendation arising from the Board's assurance mapping exercise undertaken in 2014/15. It was further amended in 2018/19 to incorporate minor recommendations arising

from an internal audit. The policy documents include the risk management structure, roles and responsibilities and the Risk registers.

The chair of Audit Committee attends the Risk Management Group meetings. In addition, all members of the Board receive all paperwork relating to Risk Management Group meetings, including the updated Risk Register and Action Plan.

Internal Audit plans are based on risks identified in the Risk register. Internal audit examined risk management procedures in 2018-19 and judged that they were robust and operating in practice, making only small suggestions relating to updating of documents and review of processes.

#### **Process**

The Risk Management Group meets regularly. Its key tasks are:

- Reviewing the risk register, identifying and scoring actual and potential risks to the College;
- Updating the action plan for those risks which score highly;
- Reviewing the implementation of the action plan;
- Reporting on progress to the Audit Committee and updating the full board through the standing agenda item;
- Updating the risk register in line with strategic objectives;
- Carry out an annual assurance mapping exercise at the highest level of risk.

# **Summary of Key Risks**

The full detail and assessment of risks faced by the college are in the college's Risk Register. This is a confidential document. Outlined below is a description of the main areas where the college has identified principal risks that may affect the college. Not all factors are within the college's control. Other factors besides those listed below may also adversely affect the college.

- Changes in funding, and increases in costs associated with employer costs;
- Changes in national government policy; its impact on the curriculum and competition;
- · Lack of capital funding.

These risks are mitigated in a number of ways:

- By regular review and updating of the Risk Action Plan;
- Management planning days to review measures to improve efficiency;
- The development of an accommodation/property strategy that ensures facilities are fit for purpose.

#### STAKEHOLDER RELATIONSHIPS

In line with other colleges and with universities, Peter Symonds College has many stakeholders. These include:

Students and their parents/carers;

- Funding Councils;
- Staff;
- Local employers (with specific links);
- Local Authorities;
- Government Offices;
- The local community;
- Other FE and HE institutions;
- Trade unions;
- Professional bodies;
- Trustees of Christes Hospital.

The College recognises the importance of these relationships and engages in regular communication with them through the College Internet site and by meetings.

# **Facility Time Report 2019**

In accordance with the Trade Union (Facility Time Publication Requirements) Regulations 2017, we are required to publish certain information on trade union officials and facility time.

Facility time covers duties carried out for the trade union or as a union learning representative, for example, accompanying an employee to disciplinary or grievance hearing. It also covers training received and duties carried out under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

The regulations require the following information to be published on the employer's website:

- table 1: the number of employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period, and the number of full time equivalent employees
- table 2: the percentage of time spent on facility time for each relevant union official
- table 3: the percentage of pay bill spent on facility time
- table 4: the number of hours spent by relevant union officials on paid trade union activities as a percentage of total paid facility time hours.

This report covers the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

#### Table 1 Relevant union officials

Total number of employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period.

Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period	Full-time equivalent employee number		
5	4.49		

#### Table 2 Percentage of time spent on facility time

How many of our employees who were relevant union officials employed during the relevant period spent a) 0%, b) 1%-50%, c) 51%-99% or d) 100% of their working hours on facility time.

Percentage of time	Number of employees
0%	0
1-50%	5
51%-99%	0
100%	0

#### Table 3 Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time

Percentage of the total pay bill spent on paying employees who were relevant union officials for facility time during the relevant period.

Total cost of facility time	£12,254
Total pay bill	£14 m
Percentage of the total pay bill spent on facility time, calculated as: (total cost of facility time ÷ total pay bill) x 100	0.09%

#### Table 4 Paid trade union activities

Hours spent by employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period on paid trade union activities as a percentage of total paid facility time hours.

Time spent on paid trade union activities as a percentage of total paid facility time	
hours calculated as:	
(total hours spent on paid trade union activities by relevant union officials during	
the relevant period $\div$ total paid facility time hours) x 100	
	9.78%

# **Equality and Diversity**

Peter Symonds College is committed to creating an inclusive college, where people are treated with dignity and respect and where we anticipate and respond positively to different needs and circumstances so that everyone can achieve their potential.

Equality and Diversity is crucial to overall quality improvement and we place it at the very heart of everything we do. The College promotes and advances equality of opportunity by raising awareness of equality and human rights and working to combat all forms of inequality, disadvantage, prejudice, unfair discrimination, harassment and mistreatment. We believe that all forms of prejudice and unfair discrimination are unacceptable and we are committed to creating a safe environment for all.

The college motto is "Counting in Ones" and illustrates our commitment to promoting and ensuring equality and diversity for all staff and students.

The 2010 Equality Act consolidates and brings together previous anti-discrimination law into one piece of legislation and establishes nine 'protected characteristics': race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership, and gender-reassignment.

The College is fully committed to:

- Preventing unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation
- Advancing equality of opportunity
- Fostering good relations between people

Furthermore, as a public body the college recognises its further specific duties to publish:

- Information to demonstrate the compliance with the equality duty by 31 January each year.
- One or more equality objectives, which are reviewed and updated at least every four years.

Further information can be found on the college website <a href="https://www.psc.ac.uk/content/eo">https://www.psc.ac.uk/content/eo</a>

# The Prevent Duty

Peter Symonds College understands its duty to give "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism", in accordance with the Prevent Duty July 2015. Therefore, protecting students from the risk of radicalisation is part of our wider safeguarding responsibilities: <a href="http://www.psc.ac.uk/support/">http://www.psc.ac.uk/support/</a>

The college also understands its duty to build **resilience to radicalisation** by promoting **fundamental British values** and enabling students to challenge extremist views. "Fundamental British values are about democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs."

The college is committed to following the advice of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Prevent Board and the Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB).

# Disclosure of information to auditors

The members who held office at the date of approval of this report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the College's auditors are unaware; and each member has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the College's auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by order of the members of the Corporation and signed on its behalf by:

T M Rogerson [Chairman]

Date 9th December 2019

#### Statement of corporate Governance and Internal Control

The following statement is provided to enable readers of the annual report and accounts of the College to obtain a better understanding of its governance and legal structure. This statement covers the period from 1st August 2018 to 31st July 2019 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

The College endeavours to conduct its business:

- i) in accordance with the seven principles identified by the Committee on Standards in Public Life (selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership): and
- ii) having due regard to the UK Corporate Governance Code 2018 ("the Code") insofar as it is applicable to the further education sector.

The College is committed to exhibiting best practice in all aspects of corporate governance. We have adopted where applicable to the College the Code of Good Governance for English Colleges and the UK Corporate Governance Code. However, we have reported on our Corporate Governance arrangements by drawing upon best practice available, including those aspects of the Codes we consider to be relevant to the further education sector and best practice. The Governing Body recognises that, as a body entrusted with both public and private funds, it has a particular duty to observe the highest standards of corporate governance at all times.

The college is an exempt charity within the meaning of Part 3 of the Charities Act 2011. The Governors who are also trustees for the purposes of the Charities Act 2011, confirm that they have had due regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and that the required statements appear elsewhere in these financial statements.

#### The Corporation

The composition of the Corporation is set out on page 18. It is the Corporation's responsibility to bring independent judgement to bear on issues of strategy, performance, resources and standards of conduct. The Corporation is provided with regular and timely information on the overall financial performance of the College together with other information such as performance against funding targets, proposed capital expenditure, quality matters and personnel related matters such as health and safety and environmental issues. The Corporation meets five times a year.

The Corporation conducts its business through a number of Committees. Each Committee has terms of reference, which have been approved by the Corporation. These Committees are Policy & Resources, Curriculum & Quality Assurance, Estates, Personnel, Remuneration, Search & Governance, and Audit. Full minutes of all meetings, except those deemed to be confidential by the Corporation, are available from: Freedom of Information Officer, Peter Symonds College, Owens Road, Winchester, SO22 6RX.

All governors are able to take independent professional advice in furtherance of their duties at the College's expense and have access to the Clerk to the Corporation, who is responsible to the Board for ensuring that all applicable procedures and regulations are complied with. The appointment, evaluation and removal of the Clerk are matters for the Corporation as a whole.

Formal agendas, papers and reports are supplied to governors in a timely manner, prior to Board meetings. Briefings are also provided on an ad-hoc basis.

The Corporation has a strong and independent non-executive element and no individual or group dominates its decision making process. The Corporation considers that each of its non-executive members is independent of management and free from any business or other relationship which could materially interfere with the exercise of their independent judgement.

The Clerk to the Corporation maintains a register of financial and personal interests of the governors. The register is available for inspection at the College.

There is a clear division of responsibility in that the roles of the Chair of the Corporation and Principal of the College are separate.

Governors also are involved in the appointment of staff, in the Self Assessment Review of all teaching departments, in discussion with representatives of the student body periodically, and in review of specific responsibilities such as Health and Safety.

The members who served the Corporation during the academic year 2018 /19 and up to the date of signing this report are:

Name and attendance At Corporation meetings Mr H Bhambra	(00/	Date of Appointment	Status	Committees
MI II DIIAMOTA	68%	15 10 18		Personnel Curriculum & QA
Miss H Bowen	50%	5. 03 18	Student Governor Term ended 4 3 19	
Mr L Buckley	100%	8 07 19	Student Governor	
Mr G Childs	80%	9 02 18	Staff Governor	Curriculum & QA (to October 19) Personnel
Miss E Charalambous	80%	9 07 17	Student Governor	
Mr C Edwards	100%	10 10 16*	Term ended 8 07 19	Member of Academic Board
Miss L Evans	100%	09 02 19*		Estates (Chair from 15 10 18)
Wiss D Svails	10070	07 02 17		Chair Curriculum & QA (to 15 10 18) Remuneration
				Policy & Resources
Mrs N Graham	20%	14 12 15	Stepped down 15 5 19	Estates Personnel
Mr M Kazim	33%	4 3 19	Student Governor	reisonnei
Mr N Measham	40%	6 10 18*	Foundation Governor Stepped down 9 7 19	Chair of Audit (to 18 03 19) Estates (to September 2018)
Mr B Neaves	100%	14 12 15		Chair of Audit (from 18 03 19)
				Curriculum & QA
				Remuneration
				Search & Governance
Miss A Palmer	68%	31 10 18*		Curriculum & QA
				Personnel Chair
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Mr G Rockett	100%	12 12 16	Support staff Governor	Estates
Mr T Rogerson	85%	05 10 16*	Chairman from 15 10 18	Remuneration (Chair from 15 10 18) Chair of Search &Governance (to 15 10 18)
Mr S Carville	NA		Principal ex-officio Term ended 31	Chair of Policy & Resources (to 15 10 18)
Miss S Russell	100%		Principal ex-officio from 31 8 18	0 10
Mr C Scott	100%	23 03 15*	Chairman of Governors	Policy & Resources (to 15 10 18)
			Stepped down 15 10 18	Search & Governance (to 15 10 18)
Mrs A Starou	950/	12 07 17*	Vias Chairman from 15 10 19	Remuneration (to 15 10 18)
Mrs A Storey	85%	120/1/	Vice Chairman from 15 10 18	Chair of Estates (to 15 10 18) Curriculum &QA (to 15 10 18)
				Policy & Resources (Chair from 15 10 18)
				Search & Governance (from June 18)
				Remuneration from 15 10 18 (Chair from Sept
Dr R Sykes	68%	8 05 17		19) Curriculum & OA (Chair from 15 10 18)
DI K Sykes	0870	8 03 17		Policy & Resources (from 15 10 18)
Mr A Sydney	85%	9 10 17	Foundation Governor	Estates
Mrs T Thorne	85%	18 05 19*		Audit
				Search & Governance (Chair from 15 10 18) P&R from 15 10 18
Mrs J Townsend	100%	8 7 19	Parent Governor	Audit from October 2019
Mr M Wesley	100%	13 5 19		Audit from 13 5 19
Rt Rev D Williams	66%	6 03 17	Foundation Governor	Estates from September 2019
				Personnel from September 2019

<sup>\*</sup>indicates that the Governor has served a previous term of office. The date shown is the beginning of the current term. All terms of office are usually for three years (As part of the review of Instruments and Articles of Government during 2018/19, the standard terms of office were changed from four to three years) other than for a Student Governor whose term is for one year.

#### Appointments to the Corporation

Any new appointments to the Corporation are a matter for the consideration of the Corporation as a whole. The Corporation has a Search committee which is responsible for the selection and nomination of any new member for the Corporation's consideration. The Corporation is responsible for ensuring that appropriate training is provided as required.

Members of the Corporation are appointed for a term of office not exceeding three years, other than for the Student Governors whose term is for one year.

#### Corporation performance

The Board carries out a self-assessment of its performance annually and the outcomes are assessed by the Search and Governance committee and actions arising are then included in the annual Cross-College Self-assessment report (SAR). The Cross-College SAR is considered and monitored by the Curriculum and Quality Assurance committee and reported to the Board. Details are set out in the relevant committee and Board papers.

#### **Remuneration Committee**

Throughout the year ending 31 July 2019, the College's Remuneration Committee comprised four members of the Corporation.

The College's Remuneration Committee's responsibilities are to make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration and benefits of the Principal and other senior post-holders.

Details of remuneration for the year ended 31 July 2019 are set out in Note 7 to the financial statements.

#### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee comprises a minimum of three members of the Corporation (excluding the Chair and Principal). The Committee operates in accordance with the written terms of reference approved by the Corporation.

The Audit Committee meets on a termly basis and provides a forum for reporting by the College's internal, regularity and financial statements auditors, who have access to the Committee for independent discussion without the presence of College management. The Committee also receives and considers reports from the main FE funding bodies, as they affect the College's business.

The College's internal auditors monitor the systems of internal control, risk management controls and governance processes in accordance with an agreed plan of input, and report their findings to management and the Audit Committee.

Management is responsible for the implementation of agreed audit recommendations, and internal audit undertakes periodic follow-up reviews to ensure such recommendations have been implemented.

The Audit Committee also advises the Corporation on the appointment of internal and financial statements auditors and their remuneration for both audit and non-audit work, as well as reporting annually to the Corporation.

#### Internal Control

#### Scope of Responsibility

The Corporation is ultimately responsible for the College's system of internal control and for reviewing its effectiveness. However, such a system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The Corporation has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Principal, as Accounting Officer, for maintaining a sound system of internal control that supports the achievement of the College's policies, aims and objectives, whilst safeguarding the public funds and assets for which she is personally responsible, in accordance with the responsibilities assigned to her in the Financial Agreement between the College and the funding bodies. She is also responsible for reporting to the Corporation any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

#### The purpose of the system of Internal Control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can, therefore, only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of college policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in the College for the year ended 31 July 2019 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts.

#### Capacity to Handle Risk

The Corporation has reviewed the key risks to which the College is exposed, together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks.

The Corporation is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the College's significant risks that has been in place for the year ended 31 July 2019 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts. This process is regularly reviewed by the Corporation.

#### The Risk and Control Framework

The system of internal control is based on a framework of regular management information, administrative procedures including the segregation of duties, and a system of delegation and accountability. In particular, it includes:

- \* comprehensive budgeting systems with an annual budget, which is reviewed and agreed by the governing body;
- \* regular reviews by the governing body of periodic and annual financial reports which indicate financial performance against forecasts;
- \* setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- \* clearly defined capital investment control guidelines;
- \* the adoption of formal project management disciplines, where appropriate.

The internal auditors of the College are Mazars LLP and they operate in accordance with the requirements of the ESFA's Post 16 Audit Code of Practice. The work of Internal Audit is informed by an analysis of the risks to which the College is exposed, and annual internal audit plans are based on this analysis. The analysis of risks and the internal audit plans are endorsed by the Corporation on the recommendation of the Audit Committee.

At a minimum, annually, the internal auditors provide the governing body with a report on internal audit activity in the College. The report includes the internal auditors independent opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the College's system of risk management, controls and governance processes.

#### Review of Effectiveness

As Accounting Officer, the Principal has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. The Principal's review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control is informed by:

- \* the work of the internal auditors;
- \* the work of executive managers within the College who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework;
- \* comments made by the College's financial statements auditors and the regularity auditors in their management letters and other reports.

The Principal has been advised on the implications of the result of her review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control by the Audit Committee, which oversees the work of the internal auditor and other sources of assurance, and a plan to address any weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place. The senior management team receives reports setting out key performance and risk indicators and considers possible control issues brought to its attention by early warning mechanisms, which are embedded within the departments and reinforced by risk awareness training. The senior management team and the Audit Committee also receive regular reports from internal audit, which include recommendations for improvement. The Audit Committee's role in this area is confined to a high-level review of the arrangements for internal control. The Corporation's agenda includes a regular item for consideration of risk and control and receives reports thereon from the senior management team and the Audit Committee. The emphasis is on obtaining the relevant degree of assurance and not merely reporting by exception. On 9th December 2019, the Corporation reviewed the effectiveness of the system of internal control for the year ended 31 July 2019 by considering documentation from the senior management team and internal audit, and taking account of events since 31 July 2019.

Based on the advice of the Audit Committee and the Principal, the Corporation is of the opinion that the College has an adequate and effective framework for governance, risk management and control, and has fulfilled its statutory responsibility for "the effective and efficient use of resources, the solvency of the institution and the body and safeguarding of their assets".

#### Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Corporation considers that the College has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

The College has a strong cash position and no Bank loans. It continues to maintain a three year rolling plan and during that period its Financial health scoring is maintained as good.

pproxed by order of the members of the Corporation on 9th December 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

T M Rogerson (Chairman of Governors)

S Russell (Accounting Officer)

# Governing Body's statement on the College's regularity, propriety and compliance with Funding body terms and conditions of funding

The Corporation has considered its responsibility to notify the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of funding, under the College's grant funding agreements and contracts with the ESFA.

As part of our consideration we have due regard to the requirements of the grant funding agreement, and contracts with the ESFA.

We confirm on behalf of the Corporation, that after due enquiry, and to the best of our knowledge, we are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the College, or material non-compliance with the ESFA's terms and conditions of funding under the College's funding agreements and contracts with the ESFA.

We confirm that no instances of material irregularity, impropriety or funding non-compliance have been discovered to date. If any instances are identified after the date of this statement, these will be notified to the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

T M Rogerson (Chairman of Governors)

9th December 2019

S Russell (Principal)

9th December 2019

#### STATEMENT OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION

The members of the Corporation are required to present audited financial statements for each financial year.

The law applicable to charities in England and the terms and conditions of the Funding Agreement between the Education and Skills Funding Agency and the Corporation of the College, requires the corporation of the college to prepare financial statements and the Operating and Financial Review for each financial year in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice — Accounting for Further and Higher Education Institutions the annual Accounts Direction issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, and in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards) and which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the College and of the College's surplus/deficit of income over expenditure for that period.

In preparing the financial statements the Corporation is required to:

- \* select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- \* make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- \* state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- \* prepare financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to assume that the College will continue in operation.

The Corporation is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the College, and which enable it to ensure that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with the relevant legislation and other relevant accounting standards. It is responsible for taking steps in order to safeguard the assets of the College and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The maintenance and integrity of the College website is the responsibility of the Corporation of the College; the work carried out by auditors does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, the auditors accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the financial statements since they were initially presented on the website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Members of the Corporation are responsible for ensuring that funds from the Education and Skills Funding Agency are used only in accordance with the authorities that govern them as defined by and in accordance with Further & Higher Education Act 1992, subsequent legislation and related regulations and the Funding Agreement with the Education and Skills Funding Agency and any other conditions that may be prescribed from time to time.

Approved by order of the members of the Corporation and signed on its behalf by

T M Rogerson (Chairman of Governors)

9th December 2019

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE CORPORATION OF PETER SYMONDS COLLEGE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Peter Symonds College (the "College") for the year ended 31 July 2019 which comprise the college statement of comprehensive income, the college balance sheet, the college statement of changes in reserves, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the College's affairs as at 31 July 2019 and of the College's deficit of income over expenditure for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the college in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the governors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the governors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the college's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Report and Financial Statements other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The governors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Post-16 Audit Code of Practice 2018 to 2019 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- · adequate accounting records have not been kept;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations required for our audit.

Responsibilities of the Corporation of Peter Symonds College

As explained more fully in the Statement of the Corporation's Responsibilities set out on page 24, the Corporation is responsible for the preparation of financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Corporation determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Corporation is responsible for assessing the College's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Corporation either intend to liquidate the College or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities this description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Corporation, as a body, in accordance with the Funding Agreement published by the Education and Skills Funding Agency and our engagement letter dated 14 August 2017. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Corporation, as a body, those matters we are engaged to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Corporation, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

RSM UK Audit LLP

#### RSM UK AUDIT LLP

Chartered Accountants Highfield Court Tollgate Chandlers Ford Eastleigh Hampshire SO53 3TY

Date 13 December 2019

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2019			
TORTHE I BINCE ROLL 2017	Notes	2019	2018
		£	£
Income		L	ž.
Funding body grants	2	17,550,938	17,675,629
Tuition fees and education contracts	3	1,410,603	1,455,649
Other income	4	3,511,638	3,551,829
Investment income	5	23,911	15,359
Donations and endowments	6	-	
Total Income		22,497,090	22,698,466
Expenditure			
Staff costs	7	15,615,930	15,785,722
Other operating Expenses	8	6,081,002	6,382,844
Depreciation	11	730,159	780,926
Interest and other finance costs	9	140,293	140,353
Total Expenditure		22,567,384	23,089,845
(Deficit) before other gains and losses		(70,294)	(391,379)
Profit on disposal of assets		~	-
(Deficit) for the year		(70,294)	(391,379)
Remeasurement of net defined benefit pension liability	19	(1,260,000)	1,150,000
Total Comprehensive Income for the year		(1,330,294)	758,621
Represented by:			
Restricted Comprehensive income Unrestricted comprehensive income		(1,200)	908
Officsurcted comprehensive income		(1,329,094) (1,330,294)	757,713 758,621

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVES

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2019

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2019				
	Restricted reserve	Income and expenditure account	Revaluation reserve	Total
	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 August 2017	357,737	6,207,558	1,796,566	8,361,861
(Deficit) from the Income and expenditure account	-	(391,379)	-	(391,379)
Other comprehensive income	00	1,150,000	-	1,150,000
Transfer between revaluation and Income and expenditure and restricted reserves	(10,092)	120,988	(110,896)	
Balance at 31 July 2018	347,645	7,087,167	1,685,670	9,120,482
(Deficit) from the Income and expenditure account	· ·	(70,294)	-	(70,294)
Other Comprehensive Income		(1,260,000)		(1,260,000)
Transfer between revaluation and Income and				
expenditure reserves and restricted reserves	(1,200)	112,096	(110,896)	-
Transfer between expendable endowment and Income and expenditure reserve.	(12,850)	12,850	-	-
Balance at 31 July 2019	333,595	5,881,819	1,574,774	7,790,188

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JULY 2019			
	Notes	2019	2018
		£	£
Fixed assets	1.1	17.000.202	15 522 260
Tangible assets	11 12	17,069,363	17,732,369
Investments	12	58,261 17,127,624	59,461 17,791,830
		17,127,024	17,791,030
Current assets			
Stocks		26,213	22,645
Debtors	13	449,430	384,253
Investments		1,016,345	1,007,362
Cash and cash equivalents	17	4,799,319	3,730,692
•		6,291,307	5,144,952
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	3,258,351	2,854,350
Net current assets		3,032,956	2,290,602
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Total assets less current liabilities		20,160,580	20,082,432
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	5,483,492	5,767,301
Provisions	16	6,886,900	5,194,649
Total net assets		7,790,188	9,120,482
Restricted Reserves			
Restricted reserve	20	333,595	347,645
Unrestricted Reserves			
Income and expenditure account		5,881,819	7,087,167
Revaluation reserve		1,574,774	1,685,670
Total unrestricted reserves		7,456,593	8,772,837
Total reserves		7,790,188	9,120,482

The financial statements on pages 27 to 53 were approved and authorised for issue by the Corporation on 9th December 2019 and were signed on its behalf by:

T M Rogerson FCA (Chairman of Governors) 9th December 2019

S Russell (Principal) 9th December 2019

# STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2019

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2019		
	2019	2018
	£	£
Cash flow from operating activities		
(Deficit) for the year	(70,294)	(391,379)
Adjustment for non-cash items		( , , , , , ,
Depreciation	730,159	780,926
(Increase)/Decrease in stocks	(3,567)	(3,410)
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	(65,177)	28,875
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors due within one year	404,001	(176,341)
(Decrease) in creditors due after one year	(283,809)	(218,509)
(Decrease) in Enhanced Pension provisions	(7,749)	(690)
Pension costs less contributions payable	440,000	510,000
Tension costs less contributions payable	440,000	310,000
Adjustment for investing or finencing activities		
Adjustment for investing or financing activities  Investment income	(23,911)	(15.250)
	1,200	(15,359)
(Gain)in Investments Value	1,200	(907)
Endowment Income	-	-
Interest payable	-	-
(Gain)on sale of fixed assets	1 100 050	512.006
Net cash flow from operating activities	1,120,852	513,206
Cook flow from investing activities		
Cash flow from investing activities		
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	22.011	15 250
Investment income	23,911	15,359
Endowment income	(0.002)	-
New Deposits	(8,983)	(6,607)
Payments made to acquire fixed assets	(67,153)	(204,610)
	(52,225)	(195,858)
Cash flow from financing activities		
Interest paid	•	-
Repayments of amounts borrowed	-	-
		177
Increase/(Decrease)in cash and cash equivalents in the year	1,068,627	317,348
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	3,730,692	3,413,344
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	4,799,319	3,730,692

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2019

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements.

#### **Basis of Preparation**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting for Further and Higher Education 2019 (the 2019 FE HE SORP), the College Accounts Direction for 2018 to 2019 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102-"The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland" (FRS 102). The College is a public benefit entity and has therefore applied the relevant public benefit requirements of FRS 102.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the College's accounting policies.

The financial statements are presented in sterling, which is also the functional currency at the College. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention as modified by the use of previous valuations as deemed cost at transition for certain fixed assets.

#### Going concern

The activities of the College, together with the factors likely to affect its future development and performance are set out in the Members Report. The financial position of the College, its cashflow, liquidity and borrowings are described in the Financial Statements and accompanying Notes.

The College has no borrowing. The College's forecasts and financial projections indicate that it will be able to operate with a strong cash position for the foreseeable future.

Accordingly the College has a reasonable expectation that it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, and for this reason will continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of its Financial statements.

#### Recognition of Income

Government revenue grants, which include funding body recurrent grants and other grants are accounted for under the accrual model as permitted by FRS 102.

The recurrent grants from the Funding body ESFA represent the funding allocations attributable to the current financial year and are credited direct to the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Any under or over achievement for the adult education budget is adjusted for and reflected in the level of recurrent grant recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

The final grant income is normally determined with the conclusion of the year end reconciliation process with the ESFA at the end of November following the year end. Employer responsive grant income is recognised based on a year end reconciliation of income claimed and actual delivery with the ESFA.

16-18 learner-responsive funding is not normally subject to a reconciliation and is therefore not subject to contract adjustments, the income recognised is the allocation for the year.

Government capital grants are capitalised, held as deferred income and recognised in income over the expected useful life of the asset, under the accrual method as permitted by FRS102. Other capital grants are recognised in income when the College is entitled to the funds subject to any performance related conditions being met.

Income from tuition fees is stated gross of any expenditure which is not a discount and is recognised in the period for which it is received.

All income from short-term deposits is credited to the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the period in which it is earned. Income from tuition fees is recognised in the period for which it is received.

#### Policy for grants from non-government sources

Grants (including research grants) from non-government sources are recognised in income when the College is entitled to the income and performance related conditions have been met. Income received in advance of performance related conditions being met is recognised as deferred income within creditors on the balance sheet and released to income as the conditions are met.

#### **Agency Arrangements**

The College acts as an agent in the collection and payment of certain discretionary support funds. Related payments received from the funding bodies and subsequent disbursements to students are excluded from the income and expenditure of the College where the College is exposed to minimal risk or enjoys minimal economic benefit related to the transaction.

#### Post-employment benefits

Post-employment benefits to employees of the College are principally provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS). These are defined benefit plans, which are externally funded and contracted out of the State Second Pension.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme. Contributions to the TPS are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the College in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by qualified actuaries on the basis of valuations using a prospective benefit method. The TPS is a multi-employer scheme and there is insufficient information available to use defined benefit accounting.

The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution plan and the contributions recognised as an expense in the income statement in the periods during which services are rendered by employees. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments.

The LGPS is a funded scheme. The assets of the LGPS are measured using closing fair values. LGPS liabilities are measured using the projected unit credit method and discounted at the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of the equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each balance sheet date. The amounts charged to operating surplus are the current service costs and the costs of scheme introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs as incurred. Net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset is also recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and comprises the interest cost on the defined benefit obligation and interest income on the scheme assets, calculated by multiplying the fair value of the scheme assets at the beginning of the period by the rate used to discount the benefit obligations. The difference between the interest income on the scheme assets and the actual return on the scheme assets is recognised in interest and other finance costs.

Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in actuarial gains and losses.

#### Short term employment benefits

Short term employment benefits such as salaries and compensated absences (holiday pay) are recognised as an expense in the year in which the employees render service to the College. Any unused benefits are accrued and measured as the additional amount the College expects to pay as a result of the unused entitlement.

#### **Enhanced Pensions**

The actual cost of any enhanced ongoing pension to a former member of staff is paid by the College annually. An estimate of the expected future cost of any enhancement to the ongoing pension of a former member of staff is charged in full to the College's Income Statement in the year that the member of staff retires. In subsequent years a charge is made to provisions in the Balance Sheet using the enhanced pension spreadsheets provided by the funding bodies.

#### **Taxation**

The College is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the College is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

The College receives no similar exemption in respect of value added tax. For this reason the College is generally unable to recover input VAT it suffers on goods and services purchased. Non-pay expenditure

is therefore shown inclusive of VAT with any partial recovery netted off against these figures.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Land and buildings

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost/deemed cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Certain items of fixed assets that had been revalued to fair value on or prior to the date of transition to the 2019 FE HE SORP, are measured on the basis of deemed cost, being the revalued amount at the date of that revaluation.

Land is not depreciated.

Buildings are depreciated on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic life of the individual buildings, being between 15 and 50 years.

Where land and buildings are acquired with the aid of specific grants they are capitalised and depreciated in accordance with the above policy, with the related grant being credited to a deferred income account within creditors, and are released to the Statement of Comprehensive Income over the expected useful economic life of the relevant asset on a basis consistent with the depreciation policy. The deferred income amount is allocated between creditors due within one year and those due after more than one year.

Finance costs, which are directly attributable to the construction of land and buildings, are not capitalised as part of the cost of those assets.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstance indicate that the carrying amount of any fixed asset may not be recoverable.

On adoption of FRS 102, the College followed the transitional provision to retain the book value of land and buildings, which were revalued in 1997, as deemed cost but not to adopt a policy of revaluations of these properties in the future.

#### Assets under construction

Assets under construction are accounted for at cost, based on the value of architect's certificates and other direct costs, incurred to 31 July. They are not depreciated until they are brought into use.

Subsequent expenditure on existing fixed assets

Where significant expenditure is incurred on tangible fixed assets it is charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the period it is incurred, unless it meets one of the following criteria, in which case it is capitalised and depreciated on the relevant basis:

- \* Market value of the fixed asset has subsequently improved;
- \* Asset capacity increased;
- \* Substantial improvement in the quality of output or reduction in operating costs;
- \* Significant extension of the asset's life beyond that conferred by repairs and maintenance.

#### Buildings owned by third parties

Where land and buildings are used, but the legal rights are held by a third party, for example a charitable trust, they are only capitalised if the College has rights or access to ongoing future economic benefit. These assets are then depreciated over their expected useful economic life.

#### Equipment

Equipment costing less than £2,500 per individual item is written off to the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the period of acquisition.

All other equipment is capitalised and recognised at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Equipment and vehicles are depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years with the exception of PV panels which are depreciated over a 20 year life.

Where equipment is acquired with the aid of specific grants it is capitalised and depreciated in accordance with the above policy, with the related grant being credited to a deferred income account and released to the Statement of Comprehensive Income over the expected useful economic life of the relevant asset.

#### Leased Assets

Costs in respect of operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term, to the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Any lease premiums or incentives relating to leases signed after 1 August 2014 are spread over the minimum lease term.

Leasing agreements which transfer to the College substantially all the benefits and risks of ownership of an asset are treated as finance leases.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised initially at the fair value of the leased asset (or, if lower the present value of minimum lease payments) at the inception of the lease. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation. Assets held under finance leases are included in tangible fixed assets and depreciated and assessed for impairment losses in the same way as owned assets.

Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding liability. The finance charges are allocated over the period of the lease in proportion to the capital element outstanding.

#### Investments

Listed investments held as non-current assets and current asset investments, which may include listed investments, are stated at fair value, with movements recognised in Comprehensive Income. Investments comprising unquoted equity instruments are measured at fair value, estimated using a valuation technique.

#### Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of their cost and net realisable value. Where necessary, provision is made for obsolete, slow moving and defective stocks.

#### **Current investments**

Current investments represents bank deposits with an initial term in excess of 3 months but less than one year.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash includes cash in hand, deposits repayable on demand and overdrafts. Deposits are repayable on demand if they are in practice available within 24 hours without penalty.

Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value. An investment qualifies as a cash equivalent when it has a maturity of 3 months or less from the date of acquisition.

#### Financial liabilities and equity

Financial liabilities and equity are classified according to the substance of the financial instrument's contractual obligations, rather than the financial instrument's legal form.

All loans, investments and short term deposits held by the College are classified as basic financial instruments in accordance with FRS102. These instruments are initially recorded at the transaction price less any transaction costs (historical cost). FRS 102 requires that basic financial instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost, however the College has calculated that the difference between the historical cost and amortised cost basis is not material and so these financial instruments are stated on the balance sheet at historical cost. Loans and investments that are payable or receivable within one year are not discounted.

#### Provisions and contingent liabilities

Provisions are recognised when the College has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation is recognised at present value using a pre-tax discount rate. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in the statement of comprehensive income in the period it arises.

A contingent liability arises from a past event that gives the College a possible obligation whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or otherwise of uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the College. Contingent liabilities also arise in circumstances where a provision would otherwise be made but either it is not probable that an outflow of resources will be required or the amount of the obligation cannot be measured reliably.

Contingent liabilities are not recognised in the balance sheet but are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

### Judgements in applying accounting policies and key source of estimation uncertainty

In preparing these financial statements, management have made the following judgements:

Determine whether there are indicators of impairment of the College tangible assets. Factors taken into consideration in reaching such a decision include the economic viability and expected future financial performance of the asset and where it is a component of a larger cash-generating unit, the viability and expected future performance of that unit.

Other Key sources of estimation uncertainty

### - Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives taking into account residual values, where appropriate. The actual lives of the assets and residual values are assessed annually and may vary depending on a number of factors. In re-assessing asset lives, factors such as technological innovation and maintenance programmes are taken into account. Residual value assessments consider issues such as future market conditions, the remaining life of the assets and projected disposal values.

#### - Local Government Pension Scheme

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 19, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2016 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 July 2019. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation, would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

The management have considered the impact of the McCloud case and the GMP and, given the aged profile of the college's staff and the likely rates of salary increase, the decision not to include McCloud / GMP in the actuarial valuation for 2019 is not considered to result in a material difference in the defined benefit liability.

2 FUNDING BODY GRANTS	2019 £	2018 £
Funding body-Recurrent grant	17,367,665	17,485,867
Funding body -Non recurrent grants	-	-
Release of Deferred Capital Grants	183,273	189,762
	17,550,938	17,675,629

	2019 £	2018 £
3 TUITION FEES AND EDUCATION CONTRACTS	~	~
Tuition fees	1,410,603	1,455,649
	1,410,603	1,455,649
	2019	2018
4 OTHER INCOME	£	£
Catering and boarding operations	1,895,652	1,824,164
Income designated for specific outings and projects	1,431,440	1,490,064
Other income generating activities	30,195	38,320
Other income	154,351	199,281
	3,511,638	3,551,829
5 INVESTMENT INCOME	2019 £	2018 £
Other investment income	1,535	1,264
Other interest receivable	22,376	14,095
	23,911	15,359
6 DONATIONS AND ENDOWMENTS	2019	2018
	£	£
Expendable Endowment		

There were no new Endowments received during the year-£12,800 of the expendable endowment was distributed via grants during the year.

#### 7 STAFF COSTS

The average number of persons (including key management personnel) employed by the college during the year, expressed as full-time equivalents, was:

	2019	2018
	Number	Number
Teaching staff	207	218
Non teaching staff	162	160
	369	378
Staff costs for the above persons	2019	2018
	£	£
Wages and salaries	12,271,183	12,357,893
Social security costs	1,049,018	1,059,927
Other pension costs including FRS102 adjustments of £292,825 (2017/18 £370,145)	2,295,729	2,367,902
	15,615,930	15,785,722

### Key management personnel

Key management personnel are those having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the College and are represented by the College Senior Management Team which comprises the Accounting Officer, the Vice Principal, the Deputy Principal (Students) and the Assistant Principal (Quality).

### Emoluments of Key management personnel, Accounting Officer and other higher paid staff

	2019	2018
The number of key management personnel,	No.	No.
including the Accounting Officer, was:	4	4

### Key management personnel

The number of key management personnel and other staff who received annual emoluments, excluding pension contributions and employer's national insurance but including benefits in kind, in the following ranges was:

	2019	2018
	No.	No.
£50,001 to £60,000	-	-
£60,001 to £70,000	2	2
£80,001 to £90,000	1	1
£120,001 to £130,000	1	-
£130,001 to £140,000		1
	4	4

No other employees received emoluments over £60,000 during these years.

	2019	2018
Key management personnel compensation is made up as follows:	£	£
Salaries	352,275	344,026
Employers National Insurance	43,829	42,923
Benefits in kind	3,315	3,315
	399,419	390,264
Pension contributions	58,055	56,695
Total Key management personnel compensation	457,474	446,959

There were no amounts due to key management personnel that were waived in the year, nor any salary sacrifice arrangements in place.

The above compensation includes amounts payable to the Accounting Officer (who is also the highest paid key management personnel) of:

2019
2018
Principal 1
Principal 2

anagement personner) on	20.7		
	Principal 1	Principal 2	
	£	£	£
Salary	121,159	10,840	129,968
Employers National Insurance	15,548	1,399	16,797
Benefits in kind	1,013	92	1,105
	137,720	12,331	147,870
Pension contributions	19,968	1,786	21,419

The pension contributions in respect of the Accounting Officer and key management personnel are in respect of employer's contributions to the Teachers' Pension Scheme or the Hampshire County Council Superannuation Scheme and are paid at the same rate as for other employees.

Principal 1 received no compensation as Accounting Officer in 2018 as she did not commence the role until 31 August 2018. The compensation disclosed in respect of Principal 2 consists of a full year salary disclosed for 2018 but only one month in 2019 due to retirement on 31 August 2018.

The Remuneration of the Principal and Chief executive is subject to annual review by the Remuneration committee of the governing body who use benchmarking information to provide objective guidance. The Principal and Chief Executive reports to the Chair, who undertakes an annual review of her performance against the college's overall objectives.

Relationship of Principal/Chief Executive pay and remuneration expressed as a multiple.

	2019	2018
Principal and CEO's basic salary as a multiple of the median of all staff	5.48	5.67
Principal and CEO's total remuneration as a multiple of the median of all staff	5.36	5.71

The members of the Corporation, other than the Accounting Officer and the staff members, did not receive any payment from the College other than the reimbursement of travel expenses incurred in the course of their duties.

The Principal incurred costs of £898 visiting the Falklands Islands (a source of boarding students) in 2019. No other member of the Corporation or senior post-holder incurred costs during 2018/19 or 2017/18 in respect of overseas activities.

O OTHER OPEN ATTING ENDENGES	2019	2018
8 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES	£	£
Teaching departments	683,338	716,098
Teaching support services	604,463	537,019
Other support services	(5,518)	(22,674)
Administration and central services	537,714	645,667
General education expenditure	807,098	762,947
Outings and projects financed by designated receipts	1,431,440	1,490,064
Premises costs: Running costs	810,949	880,199
Premises costs: Maintenance	372,030	555,865
Premises costs: Rents and Leases	3,265	1,048
Catering and boarding operations	836,223	816,611
	6,081,002	6,382,844
Other operating expenses include:	=======================================	
Auditors' remuneration		
Internal audit	13,674	13,687
Financial statements audit	15,142	14,456
Regularity audit	1,300	1,300
Other assurance services provided by the financial statements auditors	1,650	1,650
Hire of other assets - operating leases	50,230	50,230
9 INTEREST AND OTHER FINANCE COSTS	2019 £	2018 £
On Bank loans, overdrafts and other loans;	-	*
Net interest on defined pension liability (note 19)	140,293	140,353
	140,293	140,353
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## 10 TAXATION

The College was not liable for any Corporation Tax arising out of its activities during the year, as it benefits from the general exemptions from Corporation Tax afforded by section 505 Taxes Act 1988.

### 11 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

11 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
	Land and	Equipment	
	Buildings		Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 1 August 2018	24,386,328	3,814,146	28,200,474
Additions		67,153	67,153
Disposals	-	(1,215,311)	(1,215,311)
At 31 July 2019	24,386,328	2,665,988	27,052,316
Depreciation			
At 1 August 2018	7,044,877	3,423,228	10,468,105
Charge for year	580,045	150,114	730,159
Eliminated in respect of disposals		(1,215,311)	(1,215,311)
At 31 July 2019	7,624,922	2,358,031	9,982,953
Net book value at 31 July 2019	16,761,406	307,957	17,069,363
Net book value at 31 July 2018	17,341,451	390,918	17,732,369

If fixed assets had not been revalued before being deemed as cost on transition, they would have been included at cost and depreciation of £nil.

### Land owned by third parties

Where the College enjoys the use of any land which it does not own and for which no rental or a nominal rental is paid, if practicable, a value is attributed to this benefit and capitalised, with a corresponding credit to reserves. This applies to the Land occupied by the College which is owned by Christes Hospital School Foundation Winchester. The land is held at the existing basis valuation as at the date of incorporation, with this being treated at deemed cost in line with FRS102 Section 35.

12 INVESTMENTS	2019	2018
	£	£
Investments in marketable securities		
At 1 August	59,461	58,554
(Reduction)/Increase in Fair Value	(1,200)	907
At 31 July	58,261	59,461

	2019	2018
13 DEBTORS	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade debtors	10,358	5,462
Prepayments and accrued income	439,072	378,791
	449,430	384,253
14 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
14 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2019	2018
	£	£
Payments received in advance	860,587	810,568
Trade creditors	452,179	386,664
Other taxation and social security	282,898	289,567
Accruals	370,604	372,690
Deferred Income-Government revenue Grants	405,877	108,065
Deferred Income - Government capital Grants	182,684	183,274
Short term employee benefit accrual	703,522	703,522
	3,258,351	2,854,350

Included in payments received in advance are boarding fees received in advance of £97,080 (2017/18:£64,720) from the Falkland Islands Government, against which will be offset the boarding fees for next year in respect of each boarder attending the College from the Falkland Islands.

At 31 July 2019

15 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MO	RE THAN ON	E YEAR	
		2019	2018
		£	£
Deferred Income - Government capital Grants		5,227,487	5,410,171
Payments received in advance (Falkland Island Boarding Fees) in respect of boarding fees covering periods beyond next year.		256,005	357,130
	=	5,483,492	5,767,301
16 PROVISIONS			
	Enhanced pensions	Defined benefit obligations	Total
	£	£	£
At 1 August 2018	14,649	5,180,000	5,194,649
Expenditure in the period	(867)	(730,000)	(730,867)
Additions in the period	(6,882)	2,430,000	2,423,118

Defined benefit obligations relate to the liabilities under the College's membership of the local Government pension scheme. Further details are given in Note 19.

6,900

6,880,000

6,886,900

The enhanced pension provision relates to the cost of staff who have already left the College's employ and commitments for reorganisation costs from which the College cannot reasonably withdraw at the balance sheet date. This provision has been recalculated in accordance with guidance issued by the funding bodies.

The principal assumptions for this calcula	tion are:	2019	2018
		%	%
	Interest rate	2.0	2.0
	Inflation rate	2.2	1.3

# 17 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	Cash and cash equivalents Overdrafts	At 1 August 2018 £ 3,730,692	Cash flows £ 1,068,627	At 31 July 2019 £ 4,799,319
	Total	3,730,692	1,068,627	4,799,319
18	FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS		2019	2018
	Financial Assets		£	£
	Debt Instruments measured at fair value through the profit	and loss	58,261	59,461
	Debt Instruments measured at amortised cost	-	10,358	5,462 64,923
	Financial Liabilities	-		V 1,7 MJ
	Financial Liabilities measured at amortised cost	-	2,642,897	2,630,575

#### 19 DEFINED BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The College employees belong to two principal pension schemes: the Teachers Pension Scheme England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff: and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for non-teaching staff, which is managed by Hampshire County Council Superannuation Scheme.

Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

The College also runs a Group personal pension scheme for catering staff through AEGON. This is a defined contribution scheme to which the College contributes 6% if the employee contributes at least 3%.

Total pension cost for the year	2019 £	2018 £
Teachers Pension Scheme: contributions paid	1,286,195	1,359,449
Local Government Pension Scheme: contributions paid	712,674	633,531
FRS102 Excess Service Costs	300,000	370,000
Enhanced pension charge	(7,175)	145
AEGON Defined Contribution Scheme	4,035	4,777
Total pension cost for the year	2,295,729	2,367,902

The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The latest actuarial valuations of the TPS was 31 March 2016 and of the LGPS 31 March 2016. Contributions amounting to £251,490 (2018: £254,745) were payable to the schemes at 31st July and are included within creditors.

## Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2014.

These regulations apply to teachers in schools and other educational establishments, including academies, in England and Wales that are maintained by local authorities. In addition, teachers in many independent and voluntary-aided schools and teachers and lecturers in some establishments of further and higher education may be eligible for membership. Membership is automatic for teachers and lecturers at eligible institutions. Teachers and lecturers are able to opt out of the TPS.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and members contribute on a 'pay as you go' basis-these contributions, along with those made by employers, are credited to the Exchequer under arrangements governed by the above Act. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

Under the definitions set out in FRS102 (28.11), the TPS is a multi-employer pension plan. The College is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the plan.

Accordingly, the College has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 and has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined-contribution plan. The College has set out above the information available on the plan and the implications for the College in terms of the anticipated contribution rates.

The valuation of the TPS is carried out in line with regulations made under the Public Service Pension Act 2013. Valuations credit the teachers' pension account with a real rate of return assuming funds are invested in notional

investments that produce that real rate of return.

#### Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The latest actuarial review of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2016 and in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education (the Department) in April 2019.

The valuation reported total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £218 billion, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with notional investments held at the valuation date) of £196 billion giving a notional past service deficit of £22 billion. The discount rate is 2.4% in excess of CPI.

As a result of the valuation, new employer contribution rates were set at 23.68% of pensionable pay from September 2019 onwards (compared to 16.48% during 2018/19). DfE has agreed to pay a teacher pension employer contribution grant to cover the additional costs during the 2019-20 academic year.

The pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £1,286,195 (2018:£1,359,449).

#### **Local Government Pension Scheme**

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate funds administered by Hampshire County Council. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 July 2019 was £920,273, of which employer's contributions totalled £712,674 and employees contributions totalled £207,599. The agreed contribution rates for next year are a fixed figure of £160,800 p.a plus 18.4% (broadly equivalent to 24%) for employers and between 5.5% and 12.5% for employees, depending on salary.

The current valuation does not reflect the expected increase in benefits and therefore liability as a result of Guaranteed Minimum Pension ('GMP') equalisation between men and women which is required as a result of the removal of the Additional State Pension. Methodologies for a long-term solution are still being investigated by the Government as set out in the published (January 2018) outcome of the Government Consultation 'Indexation and Equalisation of GMP in Public Sector Pensions Schemes' and therefore the expected impact cannot be reliably estimated and consequently no provision/liability has been recognised.

The current valuation also does not reflect the expected increase in benefits and therefore liability as a result of decisions in the McCloud/Sargeant case. This case revolved around the transitional protection arrangements put in place when the firefighters' and judges pension schemes were reformed, these protections were found to be age discriminatory. It is expected that this will impact on all public sector schemes, but the remedy has not yet been fixed for individual schemes, therefore the expected impact cannot be reliably estimated and consequently no provision/liability has been recognised.

## **Principal Actuarial Assumptions**

The following information is based upon a full triennial valuation of the fund at 31 March 2016 updated to 31 July 2019 by a qualified independent actuary.

	At 31 July 2019	At 31 July 2018
Rate of increase in salaries	3.7%	3.6%
Future pension increases	2.2%	2.1%
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	2.2%	2.8%
inflation assumption (CPI)	2.2%	2.1%

The current mortality assumptions include sufficient allowance for future improvements in mortality rates. The assumed life expectations on retirement age 65 are:

	At 31	At 31
	July 2019	<b>July 2018</b>
Retiring today		
Males	23.1	24.1
Females	25.8	27.2
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	24.7	26.2
Females	27.6	29.4
The College's share of assets in the scheme ( estimated at 0.	11% of Total scheme) were	
and comprise:	Fair value	Fair value
	July 2019	<b>July 2018</b>
	000' £	£ '000
Equities	8,753	8,249
Property	1,047	908
Government bonds	2,995	2,996
Corporate bonds	0	143
Cash	276	272
Other	1,469	402
Total fair value of plan assets	14,540	12,970
Actual return on plan assets	890	1,170

The amount included in the balance sheet in respect of the defined ber	-	2010
and enhanced pensions benefits as follows:	2019 £ '000	2018 £ '000
	2 000	2000
Fair value of plan assets	14,540	12,970
Present value of plan liabilities	(21,427)	(18,165)
Net pensions Liability	(6,887)	(5,195)
Amounts recognised in the statement of Comprehensive Income in res	pect of the plan are a	as follows:
Amounts included in staff costs		
Current service cost	1,030	1,010
Past service cost		-
Pension costs	1,030	1,010
Amounts included in interest and other Finance costs		
Net interest cost	140	140
	140	140
Amount recognised in Other Comprehensive Income		
Return on pension plan assets	520	870
Experience (Losses)/gains arising on defined benefit obligations	(1,780)	280
Amount recognised in Other Comprehensive Income	(1,260)	1,150
Movement in net defined benefit Liability during year		
Net defined benefit (liability) in scheme at 1 August	(5,195)	(5,836)
Movement in year:		, , ,
Current service cost	(1,030)	(1,010)
Employer contributions	730	641
Past service cost	0	0
Net interest on the defined liability	(140)	(140)
Actuarial (loss)/gain	(1,252)	1,150
Net defined benefit liability at 31 July	(6,887)	(5,195)
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Asset and Liability Reconciliation		
Defined benefit obligations at 1 August	18,165	17,016
Service cost	1,030	1,010
Interest cost	510	440
Employee contributions	210	210
Actuarial (Gain)/ Loss Benefits paid	1,772 (260)	(280) (231)
Liabilities at 31 July	21,427	18,165

Changes in fair value of plan assets	2019	2018
	£ '000'	£ '000
Fair value of plan assets at 1 August	12,970	11,180
Interest on plan assets	370	300
Actuarial gain	520	870
Employer contributions	730	641
Employee contributions	210	210
Benefits paid	(260)	(231)
Fair value of plan assets at 31 July	14,540	12,970
20 RESTRICTED RESERVE		
	2019	2018
	£	£
Robert Hirst Design expendable endowment	269,049	281,849
Paul Woodhouse Fund	58,262	59,462
Clement Edwards Fund	6,022	6,047
John Livy Fund	262	287
	333,595	347,645

The Robert Hirst expendable endowment is to support students going on to study three dimensional design. There were no donations or interest income this year, Scholarships were awarded to 16 students for a total of £12,800.

The other restricted reserves represent a bequest from Clement Edwards for the purposes of annual prizes to photography students, (No new donations and a £25 award).

A bequest from Paul Woodhouse for the purpose of establishing a hardship fund for students, (No new donations or awards and a reduction in value of £1200.) and a bequest from John Livy to reward good communication in science. (No new income and a £25 award).

	2019	2018
21 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS	£	£
Capital expenditure that has been contracted for at the year-end		
but has not been provided for in the financial statements:	-	-

#### 22 FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 July the College had minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2019	2018
	£	£
Other		
Payments due within one year	48,826	50,230
Payments due within two and five years inclusive	83,920	132,746
Total for remainder of leases	132,746	182,976

#### 23 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Owing to the nature of the College's operations and the composition of the board of governors being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, it is inevitable that transactions will take place with organisations in which a member of the board of governors may have an interest.

During the year, the College purchased legal services of £4,711 (2018:10,951) from a partnership related due to a common directorship. No amounts were owed at the year end (2018:N/A).

The total expenses paid to or on behalf of the Governors during the year was £49 (2017/18 £228) The total number of Governors concerned was 1 (2017/18 :3).

This represents travel and subsistence expenses and other out of pocket expenses incurred in attending Governor meetings and charity events in their official capacity.

No Governor has received any remuneration or waived payments from the College during this or last year.

Key management compensation disclosure is given in note 7.

2019	2018
£	£
187,601	185,281
(133,527)	(153,941)
(8,900)	(8,826)
45,174	22,514
	£ 187,601 (133,527) (8,900)

Funding body grants are available solely for students; although the College administers the fund the Funding body deems that the College acts only as the paying agent.

The Funding body has decreed that the grants and related disbursements are therefore excluded from the Statement of Comprehensive Income, other than for the 5% of the grant received which is available to the College to cover administration costs relating to the grant.

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON REGULARITY TO THE CORPORATION OF PETER SYMONDS COLLEGE AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION ACTING THROUGH THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

#### Conclusion

We have carried out an engagement, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 14 August 2017 and further to the requirements of the grant funding agreements and contracts with the Education and Skills Funding Agency (the "ESFA"), to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Peter Symonds College during the period 1 August 2018 to 31 July 2019 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 August 2018 to 31 July 2019 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

#### Basis for conclusion

The framework that has been applied is set out in the Post-16 Audit Code of Practice (the "ACoP") issued by the ESFA. In line with this framework, our work has specifically not considered income received from the main funding grants generated through the Individualised Learner Record (ILR) returns, for which the ESFA has other assurance arrangements in place.

We are independent of Peter Symonds College in accordance with the ethical requirements that are applicable to this engagement and we have fulfilled our ethical requirements in accordance with these requirements. We believe the assurance evidence we have obtained is sufficient to provide a basis for our conclusion

Responsibilities of Corporation of Peter Symonds College for regularity

The Corporation of Peter Symonds College is responsible, under the grant funding agreements and contracts with the ESFA and the requirements of the Further & Higher Education Act 1992, subsequent legislation and related regulations and guidance, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them. The corporation of Peter Symonds College is also responsible for preparing the Governing Body's Statement of Regularity, Propriety and Compliance.

Reporting accountant's responsibilities for reporting on regularity

Our responsibilities for this engagement are established in the United Kingdom by our profession's ethical guidance and are to obtain limited assurance and report in accordance with our engagement letter and the requirements of the ACoP.

The objective of a limited assurance engagement is to perform such procedures as to obtain information and explanations in order to provide us with sufficient appropriate evidence to express a negative conclusion on regularity. A limited assurance engagement is more limited

in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement and the procedures performed vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for a reasonable assurance engagement; consequently a limited assurance engagement does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in a reasonable assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express a positive opinion.

We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 August 2018 to 31 July 2019 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Our work included identification and assessment of the design and operational effectiveness of the controls, policies and procedures that have been implemented to ensure compliance with the framework of authorities including the specific requirements of the grant funding agreements and contracts with the ESFA and high level financial control areas where we identified a material irregularity is likely to arise. We undertook detailed testing, on a sample basis, on the identified areas where a material irregularity is likely to arise where such areas are in respect of controls, policies and procedures that apply to classes of transactions.

This work was integrated with our audit of the financial statements and evidence was also derived from the conduct of that audit to the extent it supports the regularity conclusion.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Corporation of Peter Symonds College and the Secretary of State for Education acting through the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Corporation of Peter Symonds College and the Secretary of State for Education acting through the ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Corporation of Peter Symonds College and the Secretary of State for Education acting through the ESFA for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

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