



REASEHEATH COLLEGE BOARD

INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE/NEW COLLEGE BOARD MEMBERS

1. **General**

Reaseheath College is a specialist land-based college with a focus on higher-level technical and professional skills. The college's rural setting, amongst 330 hectares of farms, parklands, lake, woodland, extensive workshops, stabling, equine arenas, sports facilities and licensed food factory and zoo, enables it to deliver employer-led provision in a sector where demand from industry continues to outstrip supply. The college is a specialist in high-level skills development, which produces 'work-ready' graduates delivered directly into the industry.

The college has a number of strengths that provide it with national recognition as a leading provider. These include:

- * A high density commercial farm (award winning, 2014)
- * National Centre for Horticulture, the Environment and Sustainable Technology
- * National Construction Plant Academy
- * National Food Innovation Centre - fully licensed (BRC7 Global Food Safety Grade A) manufacturing and processing unit
- * Fully licensed teaching zoo with over 125 species of animals
- * 900 bed accommodation supporting regional, national and international recruitment
- * The college contracts and subsidises its own regional transport service to support access for over 1,000 students per day.

The present student population is approximately 2,500 FE students, 710 HE students and approximately 500 apprentices. The college has a staff of around 500 teaching and business support staff and is the largest employer in the Nantwich area. It has an annual turnover of around £30 million.

2. **Responsibilities of the College Board of Governors**

The responsibilities of the College Board of Governors (subsequently referred to as the College Board) are contained in the Instrument and Articles of Government and, as a corporate member of the College Board, members have responsibility:

- (a) for the determination of the educational character and mission of the institution and for oversight for its activities;
- (b) for approving the quality strategy of the institution;
- (c) for the effective and efficient use of resources, the solvency of the institution and the Corporation and for safeguarding their assets;
- (d) for approving annual estimates of income and expenditure;
- (e) for the appointment, grading, supervision, dismissal and determination of the pay and conditions of service of the holders of senior posts; and
- (f) for setting a framework for the pay and conditions of service of all other staff.

3. **Qualities of the College Board Member**

College Board members are chosen to offer expertise and support in one or more of the following areas:

- (a) Local and community links with the population which the college serves.
- (b) Business expertise in such areas as finance, human resources, education, company law, land and estates management, marketing and public relations.
- (c) Specialist knowledge and experience in the industries which the college serves.

4. **Role of the College Board Member**

Meetings of the College Board take place on a termly basis and members are expected to attend these meetings and to volunteer to serve on sub-committees of the College Board. College Board members also have an important role to play in promoting the college's interests. This includes fostering good relations between the college and the community it serves and ensuring that the college's aims and objectives are understood. In addition, members are linked with curriculum areas.

College Board members are asked to subscribe to a code of conduct, register their interests and, as holders of public office, subscribe to the principles outlined in the code of conduct.

5. **Expenses**

No payment is made to College Board Members, but travelling and out of pocket expenses are reimbursed.

6. **Finally**

This sheet can only give a brief outline of the work of College Board members. Further information is available from:

Jackie Schillinger	-	Clerk to the Board
Meredydd David	-	Principal
Richard Ratcliffe	-	Chair of the Board of Governors