

## Priestley College

Minutes of the Search Committee meeting  
held at 8.30am on Tuesday 22 February 2011  
in the Principal's Office

<b>PRESENT</b>	Mr J Monaghan	Chair
	Mr R Haslam	
	Mr M Southworth	Principal
	Mr P McMellon	Clerk

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr P Dyke and Mrs D Farrent.

### 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No Member declared any personal interest in any item.

### 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 November 2010 were accepted as an accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

### 5. GOVERNOR TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRY – COUNCILLOR K SIMCOCK

The Committee's attention was drawn to the impending (31 May 2011) expiry of Cllr K Simcock's current term of office.

The Committee reflected at length on Cllr Simcock's contribution as a Governor over the last four years. This included her meetings attendance record.

The Committee then considered the merits of other candidates for appointment, including the current Co-opted Members.

The usefulness and validity of Cllr Simcock's status as a current elected member of Warrington Borough Council was recognised. This provided a welcome direct link with the local authority.

The Committee concluded that Cllr Simcock's all-round performance had been entirely beneficial to the College and its governance, and that her further re-engagement would be most advantageous to the College and the community. It was recognised that a re-appointment would mean that Cllr Simcock would serve beyond the 'good practice' limit of two terms of office, but it was unanimously felt that the advantages of re-appointment far outweighed any disadvantages.

**RESOLVED : That the Governing Body is recommended to re-appoint Councillor Kelly Simcock for a further four-year term of office, from 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2015.**

**6. RECRUITMENT OF NEW GOVERNORS/CO-OPTES**

The Principal reported on his actions since the last meeting, when notice of the impending resignation of Ms A Bright had been received. He advised on specific options which had been investigated, but he did not consider that there were, as yet, any nominations for formal consideration.

The Committee discussed the position and re-affirmed the view that, with Ms Bright's departure, a replacement with current Head Teacher status would be appropriate. It was, however, noted that, in terms of existing Governors/Co-opted Members with educational experience, the College would remain extremely well served.

In the circumstances, it was agreed that the Principal would continue to investigate possible nominations and report to the next meeting.

**7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place at 8.30am on Tuesday, 28 June 2011

PMcMellon  
22 February 2011

*Accepted as an accurate and signed by the Chair*

*Signature* .....

*Date* .....