



HARTPURY UNIVERSITY

Strategy, Finance and Resources Committee Terms of Reference

Governor Members

Five independent governor members (to include Chair of Governors)
Vice-Chancellor

In attendance

Chief Operating Officer
Vice-Principal (Resources)
Vice-Principal (FE)
Pro-Vice-Chancellor (HE)
Members of the Audit and Risk Management Committee as necessary
Representatives from Internal & External Auditors as necessary

Co-opted Member

A co-opted member may be appointed to this committee

Quorum

Four members (including a minimum of three independent governors).

1. Objectives

- 1.1. To ensure that annual estimates of income and expenditure and annual financial accounts are prepared for approval by the Board of Governors.
- 1.2. To ensure that financial performance against annual estimates of income and expenditure are adequately monitored on behalf of the Board of Governors, that statements of financial performance are presented to the Board on a regular basis and that appropriate action is taken on matters raised because of such reports.
- 1.3. To ensure that a capital budget is prepared for approval by Corporation, against which projects can be prioritised and to assist Hartpury in identifying necessary funding sources and strategies to undertake such projects and to recommend major capital resource developments for final approval by the Board.
- 1.4. To formulate and monitor Hartpury's value for money strategy for final approval by the Corporation.
- 1.5. To ensure the effective and efficient use of the institution's human resources.

2. Attendance at Meetings

- 2.1. All Corporation Members shall have the right of attendance, save that the Committee may, when they are satisfied, that it is appropriate because of confidentiality, and ask Staff and Student members to withdraw.
- 2.2. The Clerk to the Corporation shall be Clerk to the Committee

3. Frequency of Meetings

- 3.1. Meetings shall be held at least four times per year.

4. Authority

- 4.1. The Committee is authorised by the Corporation to investigate any activity within its Terms of Reference
- 4.2. It is authorised to seek any information it requires from any Corporation Member, Committee of the Corporation or employee of Hartpury.
- 4.3. All Corporation Members and Hartpury employees are required to cooperate with any reasonable request made by the Committee.
- 4.4. After due consultation with the Chairman of the Corporation, the Committee is authorised to obtain the legal or other independent advice and to secure the attendance of outsiders with the relevant experience and expertise if it considers this necessary.

5. Duties

Finance

- 5.1. Ensure the effective, efficient and economic use of the Corporation's resources and assets in accordance with the Financial Regulations.
- 5.2. Regularly monitor the annual budget approved by the Corporation and report thereon to the Corporation.
- 5.3. Monitor and review the Financial Regulations on a regular basis or as directed by the Corporation.
- 5.4. Make recommendations to the Corporation on the annual income and expenditure, and capital expenditure including loans.
- 5.5. Make recommendations to the Corporation on accommodation related policies where appropriate.
- 5.6. Approve tuition and other fees.
- 5.7. Determine the Hartpury investment and borrowing policies for approval by the Corporation.
- 5.8. Review and approve Hartpury's insurance arrangement.
- 5.9. Review annual Financial Statements and provide recommendation to Corporation

Value for Money

- 5.10. Seek to adopt good practice and incorporate VFM principles in all its activities.
- 5.11. To benchmark Hartpury's financial activities against other similar activities and organizations where this is considered useful.

Human Resource

- 5.12. Set and monitor the framework for the pay and conditions of service of staff other than the holders of senior posts.
- 5.13. Establish and monitor a framework and procedures for the appointment, appraisal, supervision, and investigation of staff grievances and dismissal of staff.

6. Reporting Procedures

- 6.1. The Clerk to the Corporation shall circulate minutes of the meetings of the Committee to all Corporation Members.
- 6.2. The Committee shall provide a report of its work to the Corporation through minutes.

7. Urgent Financial Matters

- 7.1. Procedures for the allocation of funds are set out in the Hartpury Financial Regulations

Terms of Reference Approved by the Corporation 6th December 2000
Amendment to Terms of Reference Approved by the Corporation 6th December 2001
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Amendment to Terms of Reference Approved by the FGPC 12th January 2017
Amendment to Terms of Reference Approved by the Corporation 26th January 2017
Membership changes approved by Search and Governance Committee 16th January 2019.
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