



# Queen Margaret University

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The next meeting of the Court will be held on **Tuesday, 28 April 2020 at 2.00 pm** by Video Conference\*

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\*\*The agenda is divided into starred and non-starred items. Starred items are for discussion and, where appropriate, decision. Non-starred items are for noting only and will not normally be discussed. Any member wishing to discuss a paper listed for noting should contact the Secretary no later than two days before the meeting stating the reason for the request.

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**21 April 2020**

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Melanie Moreland  
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Dr Andrew Scott  
Andy White

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## AGENDA

### 1 \*Welcome and Apologies

### 2 \*Conflicts of Interest

To NOTE any conflicts of interest and determine any required action.

### 3 \*Determination of Other Competent Business

(a) To RECEIVE notification of Other Competent Business.

(b) To DISCUSS any business arising from Items for Information.

### 4 \*Chair's Report

To RECEIVE a report from the Chair.

### 5 \*Minutes

(a) To APPROVE the minutes of the Court meeting held on 5 February 2020. COURT (20) MINS 01

(b) TO RECEIVE notes of the Workshop sessions held on 5 February 2020 (Strategy Day). COURT (20) 07

(c) Matters arising.

### 6 \*Principal's Report: Coronavirus Emergency

6.1 To RECEIVE a report from the Principal on Business Continuity, Adaptation and Recovery. COURT (20) 08

6.2 To RECEIVE preliminary analysis of the potential impact of the Coronavirus Emergency on the University's Financial Position. COURT (20) 09

#### Ordinary Business

### 7 \*SFC Outcome Agreement

7.1 To RECEIVE an analysis of the University Outcome Agreement Funding allocation 2020-21, published by the SFC on 7 April 2020. COURT (20) 10

7.2 To RECEIVE an oral report on progress with the Queen Margaret University Outcome Agreement 2020-23.

### 8 \*Strategic Plan 2020-25 and supporting Delivery Plan

8.1 To APPROVE the refreshed Strategic Plan 2020-25. COURT (20) 11

8.2 To CONSIDER the draft Delivery Plan in support of the Strategic Plan. COURT (20) 12

**9 \*Land Development Update**

To RECEIVE a presentation on the land development project from the Director of Campus and Commercial Services.

**Reports from Committees**

**10 \*Finance and Estates Committee**

FEC (20)  
MINS 01

(a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Finance and Estates Committee meeting held on 3 March 2020.

(b) Matters Arising.

**11 \*Audit and Risk Committee**

AUDIT (20)  
MINS 01

(a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 28 January 2020.

(b) Matters arising.

**12 \*Health and Safety Committee**

HSC (20)  
MINS 02

(a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Health & Safety Committee meeting held on 13 March 2020.

(b) Matters arising.

**13 \*Nominations Committee**

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To APPROVE the Committee's recommendation concerning lay member re-appointment.

**14 \*Equality and Diversity Committee**

EDC (20)  
MINS 01

(a) To RECEIVE the minutes of the Equality and Diversity Committee held on 27 February 2020.

(b) Matters arising.

**15 Dates of future meetings**

Court will meet on 24 June 2020 at 3.00 pm, subject to review of Coronavirus restrictions.