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LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING: 26th February 2024

PRESENT: Revd Canon Peter Winn (in the Chair), Mrs Jane Beever (Vice-Chair), Mr Tim Alderman, Ms Ann Marie Costello, Revd Canon Chris Fallon, Dr Penny Haughan, Very Revd Dr Sue Jones, Fr Chris McCoy, Ms Lesley Martin-Wright, Professor Atulya Nagar, Mr John Norbury, Prof Claire Ozanne, Ms Paula Raper, Ms Neve Rosser, Mrs Maggie Swinson, Mr Steven Townley, HH Judge Graham Wood KC (17 members)

By invitation: Mr Derrick Dykins (Clerk to Council), Mr Aaron Porter (Advance HE)

No Conflicts of Interest were reported.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Revd Geoff Felton and Ms Deborah Shackleton,

2. **Governance Effectiveness Review**

The meeting was convened to consider the GER Report and associated Action Plan which members had received. Mr Porter presented his report and was positive about the outcomes. Members agreed that these were in line with what Council members expected and hoped for. The recommendations should ensure that the governance at the University is strengthened going forward.

Mr Porter highlighted the Strategy and KPIs which have already been completed; it was also noted that good progress had been made in relation to the University and the two founding trustees with the drafting of an MoU which is currently under discussion. He said that it was important to ensure that the skills on Council anticipate future needs to meet a challenging and dynamic environment. There are also recommended changes to the Committee structure which were welcomed by members.

Members commended the Report and recommendations. It was noted that there were a number of "Don't Know" responses and Mr Porter confirmed that the number was slightly than at other reviews Advance HE have conducted, though this did not materially change any conclusions. Some of these responses are more about closing the feedback loop e.g., understanding the uptake of training and the appraisal of the Vice Chancellor.

Members **APPROVED** the recommendations and action plan.

3. **Date of next meeting:** 17th April 2024