



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MEETING : Monday, 13th October 2014

PRESENT : Cllrs. Lugg (Chair), S. Witts (Vice-Chair), Haigh, Hanman, Ravenhill, Field, Dee, Taylor, Beeley, Hansdot, Toleman, Pullen

Others in Attendance

Councillor Colin Organ, Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Leisure

Mr Matthew Burgess, Principal of Gloucestershire College

Mr Stephen Marston, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Gloucestershire

Mr Russell Marchant, Principal of Hartpury College

Mr Anthony Hodge, Head of Regeneration and Economic Development

APOLOGIES : Cllrs. Gravells, Lewis and Wilson

39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

40. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

There were no questions from members of the public.

41. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS (15 MINUTES)

There were no petitions or deputations.

42. 'QUESTION TIME' PANEL

The Chair welcomed the 'Question Time' panel members:-

- Matthew Burgess, Principal of Gloucestershire College
- Stephen Marston, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Gloucestershire
- Russell Marchant, Principal of Hartpury College

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Councillor Colin Organ, Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Leisure, joined the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members around the table.

The Chair explained the background to the event before each Committee Member asked questions in turn.

The Panel Members were asked the following group questions:-

1. What was unique about their courses.
2. How the organisations contributed to the economic development of Gloucester.
3. What proportion of graduates stayed within the local economy and what initiatives were taken to retain that knowledge within the local area.
4. Details of their marketing strategies.
5. How they attracted students from areas of deprivation in the City and what welfare schemes/bursaries were available.
6. How they promoted their organisations to schools in the City.

Additionally, each Panel Member was asked two individual questions which were of direct relevance to their organisation.

The question and answer session prompted a lively debate and identified several areas where the City Council and the educational institutions could work together for mutual benefit. The Panel Members also had the opportunity to address questions directly to the Committee.

The Chair drew the proceedings to a close by summarising the outcomes identified during the event and by thanking all the participants for their contributions.

43. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 10 November 2014 at 18.30 hours.

Time of commencement: 18:30 hours

Time of conclusion: 20:40 hours

Chair