

University of St Andrews

University Court

**REINFORCED EXTRAORDINARY COMMITTEE OF COURT (RECC)**

Note of the first meeting of RECC held on Thursday 16 April 2020, at 10 am.

The Committee met remotely via Microsoft Teams.

**Present:** Dame Anne Pringle, *Senior Governor (Chair)*; Professor Sally Mapstone, *Principal*; Professor Stuart Monro, *Deputy Chair of Court and Convenor of G&N*; Mr Adrian Greer, *Chancellor's Assessor*; Mr Jonathan Hewitt, *General Council Assessor*; Professor Mark Harris, *Senate Assessor*; Ms Donna Pierz-Fennell, *Non-Academic Staff Assessor*; Mr Jamie Rodney, *President, Students' Association*; Professor Sir David Wallace, *Non-Executive Member and Convenor of ARC*.

**In regular attendance:** Professor Lorna Milne, *Master of the United College*; Mr Alastair Merrill, *Vice-Principal Governance*; Mr Derek Watson, *Quaestor & Factor*; Ms Margaret Sinclair, *Executive Officer to the University Court & Senate*.

**Apologies:** [REDACTED]

**Matters considered**

**1. Update**

1.1 The Committee received a verbal update from the Principal.

- The Principal continued to be engaged with Universities UK, and Universities Scotland and to represent the interests of the Scottish sector in a high-level group focused on the ask to Government in terms of short-term stability interventions. [REDACTED]

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- The Principal's weekly update (9/04/20) had alerted the University community to the gravity of the financial crisis facing the University.  
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- Strategic planning work continued, and Court would continue to be involved as it matured. The immediate focus had been to decide on an appropriate start date for the next Academic Year, [REDACTED]  
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## **2. Papers circulated**

2.1 The Committee agreed that (i) the minute of the meeting be circulated (ii) it and the Papers RECC 19/01,19/01(a),19/01(b) and 19/02 would be uploaded to the Court Sharepoint site.

2.2 [REDACTED]

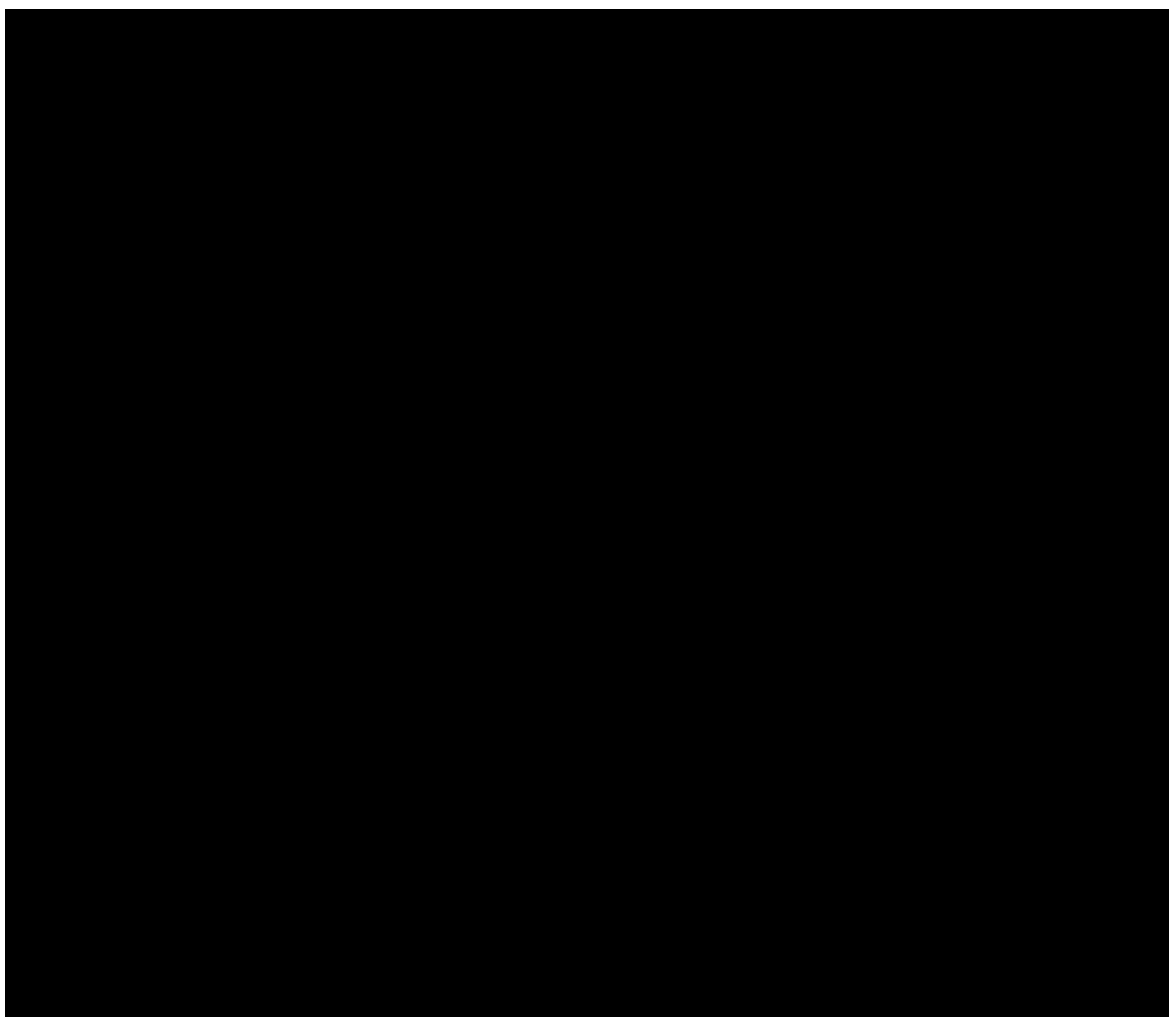
## **3. Record of Decisions**

### **3.1 RECC 19/01-Coronavirus Financial Approach**

The Quaestor presented the paper which provided an outline of the approach being taken in the management of the significant financial impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.

After a short discussion, the Committee noted the report and endorsed the use of the framework for reporting on progress.

3.2 [REDACTED]



### **3.3 RECC 19/01(b) – Capital Plan Update**

- 3.1 The Committee noted the update provided relating to the status of the University's Capital plan in response to the Coronavirus crisis.

### **4. RECC 19/02 – Furloughing**

- 4.1 The Committee received and noted the update on the University's plans to use the UK Government's job retention scheme following the publication of UCEA guidance on its applicability to the HE Sector. The Vice-Principal Governance provided a brief verbal update on progress, which had been careful to ensure consistency with HMRC guidelines.

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**6. Any other Competent Business**

- 6.1 The Quaestor agreed to discuss a specific query relating to insurance arrangements offline.

**7. Date of Next meeting**

The Committee will meet on Wednesday 29 April at 2.30 pm, via Microsoft Teams.

Margaret Sinclair

Clerk to the RECC

20 April 2020