

THE MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

STATEMENT OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

In accordance with the University's Constitutional Provisions and the HE Code of Governance, the principal responsibilities of the Board of Governors are as follows:

1. To determine the educational character, mission and strategic vision of the University including oversight of the University's strategic plans.
2. To ensure that processes are in place to monitor and evaluate the performance and effectiveness of the University against its strategic plans and approved key performance indicators, which should be – where possible and appropriate – benchmarked against other comparable institutions.
3. To safeguard the good name and values of the institution.
4. To ensure the financial health and solvency of the University.
5. To delegate authority to the head of the institution, as chief executive, for the academic, corporate, financial, estate and human resource management of the institution and to establish and keep under regular review the policies, procedures and limits under the authority of the head of the institution.
6. To ensure the establishment and monitoring of systems of control and accountability, including financial and operational controls and risk assessment, and procedures for handling internal grievances and for managing conflicts of interest.
7. To establish processes to monitor and evaluate the performance and effectiveness of the governing body itself.
8. To conduct its business in accordance with best practice in HE corporate governance and with the principles of public life drawn up by the Committee on Standards in Public Life.
9. To appoint the head of the institution as chief executive, and to put in place suitable arrangements for monitoring his/her performance.
10. To appoint a Clerk to the governing body and to ensure that, if the person appointed has managerial responsibilities in the institution, there is an appropriate separation in the lines of accountability.
11. To appoint external auditors.
12. To be the employing authority for all staff in the institution and to be responsible for ensuring that the University has a human resources strategy.
13. To be the principal financial and business authority of the institution, to ensure that proper books of account are kept, to approve the annual budget and financial

statements, and to have overall responsibility for the institution's assets, property and estate.

14. To be the institution's legal authority and, as such, to ensure that systems are in place for meeting all the institution's legal obligations, including those arising from contracts and other legal commitments made in the institution's name.
15. To receive assurance that adequate provision has been made for the general welfare of students.
16. To act as trustee for any property, legacy, endowment, bequest or gift in support of the work and welfare of the institution.
17. To ensure that the institution's constitution is followed at all times and that appropriate advice is available to enable this to happen.