**EXTERNAL GOVERNANCE REVIEW 2024**

An External Board Review was carried out during 2023/2024 by Wendy Stanger using the AoC review framework. Wendy is the Director of Governance at East Coast College and a National Leader of Governance appointed by the office of the FE Commissioner.

The review concluded that “there is evidence the Board is proficient and has some impact on college strategy, effectiveness, and outcomes”.

The following areas for further development were identified:

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| Develop the recording of governor visits, triangulation and support which takes place outside the governance meetings | To demonstrate the work that is happening and to allow all governors to learn from the visits and support |
| Board to be fully involved in the development of the new Corporate Strategy | To ensure that the Corporate Strategy is owned and developed by the Board |
| Improve the connection between the Committees and the Board with formal reporting and development of the Committees delegated responsibilities | To ensure that the Board’s committees support governance and the Board are aware of their work and decisions |
| Student Voice to be further developed | To enable student voice to impact on all aspects of the Board’s decision making |
| Review the Board Portal’s use to assess whether it provides the support that the Board requires and how it’s use can be maximized including ensuring that all meeting reports and presentations are included and a resource library developed | To provide a system that supports governance |
| Board’s self-assessment to be developed, including revised skills and EDI audits and the Board and committee’s assessing their own performance | To comply with funding requirements and to help ensure that the Board is continually developed |
| Review how risk and risk appetite could be further developed to support the College and its governance | To ensure that risk is considered and supports decision making |
| Actions set to be more specific with actions owned by the Executive Team and the action log to include detailed progress and evidence of completion | To ensure that actions set are clear with robust review |
| To continue to build the relationships with the executive and senior team and new Head of Governance | To ensure that the governance planning and meetings are scheduled correctly and address the business required and raise the governance profile |
| Use of the summary report needs further development and consistent use | To ensure that Governors have the information required to make informed decisions and are clear of what each report is asking of them.  To provide a summary of detailed reports |
| Code of Governance to be an area for training and development | To ensure that the Board are fully aware of the principals and how they impact on their decision making and governance |