

BHASVIC

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2017



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KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL, BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

Key management personnel

Key management personnel are defined as members of the College Senior Management Team and were represented by the following in 2016-17:

William Baldwin	Principal and Accounting officer
James Moncrieff	Deputy Principal (Quality and Curriculum)
Jutta Knapp	Assistant Principal (Resources)
Alison Cousens	Assistant Principal (Student Services)

Board of Governors

A full list of Governors is given on page 9 of these financial statements.

Mrs Louise Pennington acted as Clerk to the Corporation throughout the period.

Professional advisers

Financial Statement and regularity auditors:

RSM UK Audit LLP
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25 High Street
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Beehive Ring Road
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Operating and Financial Review **NATURE, OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES**

The members present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2017.

Legal Status

The Corporation was established under The Further and Higher Education Act 1992 for the purpose of conducting Brighton Hove and Sussex Sixth Form College (BHASVIC). The College is an exempt charity for the purposes of Part 3 of the Charities Act 2011.

Mission

The College's mission as approved is: To transform lives through learning. We will accomplish this by:

- Meeting the individual learning needs of students and supporting them to achieve
- Encouraging students to participate in the wider opportunities the College offers
- Working in partnership with other organisations.

Public Benefit

BHASVIC is an exempt charity under the Part 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is regulated by the Secretary of State for Education. The members of the Governing Body, who are trustees of the charity, are disclosed on page 9.

In setting and reviewing the College's strategic objectives, the Governing Body has had due regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and particularly upon its supplementary guidance on the advancement of education. The guidance sets out the requirement that all organisations wishing to be recognised as charities must demonstrate, explicitly, that their aims are for the public benefit.

In delivering its mission, the College provides the following identifiable public benefits through the advancement of education:

- High quality teaching
- Widening participation and tackling social exclusion
- Excellent employment record for students
- Strong student support systems
- Links with employers, industry and commerce.

Implementation of Strategic Plan

In July 2017 the College adopted a strategic plan for the period 1 August 2017 to 31 July 2020. The Corporation monitors the performance of the College against this plan, and the college is on target for achieving their strategic objectives.

The College's key achievements during 2016-17 as a result of implementing its annual operating plan are given below:

- A new Principal was inducted and a new Senior Management Team formed
- The College performed within the top 5% of state funded providers for post-16 qualifications, and full details of outcomes can be read in the college's self-assessment report
- We wrote a new Strategic Plan to cover the period 2017-2020
- The College was rebranded and refurbished with a new logo and colour palette
- We revised our key suite of documents and introduced an Annual Report and a College Development Plan
- We introduced a new pay framework for teaching staff
- We developed and introduced a new website
- We completed an accommodation masterplan
- We re-wrote our admissions policy

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- We decided not to Academise
- We removed lesson observation grading
- We developed an ILT strategy
- We joined the Strategic Board of the Pavilion and Downs Teaching School Alliance
- We held a review of Governance

Financial objectives

The College's financial objectives are:

- To achieve an adequate annual operating surplus
- To pursue alternative sources of funding, on a selective basis, consistent with the College's core competencies, and the need for a financial contribution to the Colleges overall finances
- To generate sufficient levels of income to support the asset base of the College
- To further improve the Colleges shorter term liquidity
- To fund continued capital investment

A series of performance indicators have been agreed to monitor the successful implementation of the policies.

Performance indicators

Key Performance Indicator	Measure / Target	Actual for 2016/17
16-19 Student numbers	2,550	2,681
Operating surplus as % of income	≥3%	2.22
Cash days in hand	>30	86 days
Current assets : current liabilities	2	2.42
Staff costs as % of income	68%	69%
Bank covenants		
Operating cash flow before taxation and interest paid to principal and interest paid	≥110%	289%
Total borrowing cost (interest) to income	<7%	3%
No operating deficit before actuarial gains and losses for three consecutive years (Surplus in 2015 and 2016)	Surplus	Surplus
I&E a/c balance before defined benefit obligations	≥£2m	£5.5m
Calculated indicator of financial health	Good	Good

FINANCIAL POSITION

Financial results

The College generated a surplus before other gains and losses in the year of £273,000 (2015-16 surplus of £438,000), with total comprehensive income of £1,570,000 (2016 £(64,000)).

The College has accumulated reserves of £4,982,000 and cash and short term investment balances of £5,036,000.

Tangible fixed asset additions during the year amounted to £445,000 which was £402,000 for two modular science labs, £18,000 in respect of final fees for the Copper Building and £25,000 for the purchase of equipment.

The College has significant reliance on the education sector funding bodies for its principal funding source, largely from recurrent grants. In 2016-17 the funding bodies provided 93% of the College's total income.

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Treasury policies and objectives

Treasury management is the management of the College's cash flows, its banking, money market and capital market transactions; the effective control of the risks associated with those activities; and the pursuit of optimum performance consistent with those risks. The College has a separate treasury management policy in place.

Short term borrowing for temporary revenue purposes is authorised by the Principal. All other borrowing requires the authorisation of the Corporation and shall comply with the requirements of the Funding Agreement.

Cash flows and liquidity

At £1,775,000 (2016 £ 1,144,000k) net cash flow from operating activities was strong.

The size of the College's total borrowing and its approach to interest rates has been calculated to ensure a reasonable cushion between the total cost of servicing debt and operating cash flow. During the year this margin was comfortably exceeded.

Reserves Policy

The College has no formal Reserves policy but recognises the importance of reserves in the financial stability of any organisation, and ensures that there are adequate reserves to support the College's core activities. As at the balance sheet date the Income and Expenditure reserve stands at £2,741,000 (2016 £1,095,000). It is the Corporation's intention to ensure that over the life of the strategic plan, after allowing for any planned capital investment, sufficient reserves are maintained by the generation of annual operating surpluses.

CURRENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Financial Health

The College is assessed as having a "Good" financial health grading with healthy cash reserves, and continues to have good support from the bank.

Student numbers

In 2016-17 the College has delivered activity that has produced £11,412,000 in funding body main allocation funding (2016 - £10,456,000). The College had approximately 2,674 ESFA funded students and no students who are not eligible for funding.

Curriculum developments

BHASVIC provides an extensive range of programmes and activities which meet the needs and interests of a broad range of learners. Evidence includes:

- The college's courses and programmes of study remain highly attractive to local students and support them with success in their destinations (particularly high-tariff university courses). The combination of a wide range of A level subjects to choose from, alongside an increasing number of BTEC courses, are meeting the demands of local students very well and have seen continued increase in student applications to the college.
- Extended Project Qualifications are also thriving and remain very popular; the college is one of the largest providers of this qualification in the country, which is highly valued by universities and enables many of our students to receive a lower UCAS tariff offer from their first choice institution.
- The college also offers innovative and specialised Portfolio Courses, which are designed to enable a student to study an area of specialism in support of their passions and interests, career plans or enrichment and skills development. These courses are often not limited to or prescribed by a national specification, enabling the college to provide highly tailored experience based on the extensive knowledge, skills and experience staff hold on their subject areas and on the needs of sixth form students. Each Portfolio Course is also designed to include experience of work and/or academia and a careers advice element within its programme.

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- A differentiated tutorial provision with five separate pathway options to choose from providing a tutorial course in Art Foundation; Oxbridge; Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary courses; Apprenticeships, Employment, Volunteering and Vocational Education or UCAS. Each pathway is delivered by qualified and highly experienced staff to that application area, leading to exceptional outcomes for students in gaining their intended destination.
- The college's ESOL programme, serving asylum seekers and refugees, as well as other sections of the diverse B&H community in addition to providing formal English Language, Maths and Computing qualifications, has been developed to also provide enriching creative courses, sports and games, to help language as well as social, wellbeing and broader skills development.
- A popular evening language programme serving the community and offering languages as diverse as Russian, Japanese and Arabic in line with enrolment demand.
- A thriving and highly successful Widening Participation programme, supporting a significant percentage of the student cohort, who come from non-traditional or disadvantaged backgrounds, in gaining places at university.
- BHASVIC continues to play an active role in educational partnerships; the College is a member of the Brighton and Hove Colleges' Accord which also comprises Varndean Sixth Form College and Brighton Metropolitan College, sharing an online application platform with these other post 16 providers in the city. BHASVIC also takes a dynamic and progressive role as a new member of the S7 Sixth Form College partnership (which includes all sixth form colleges in Surrey, Sussex and Kent). Partnerships with local secondary and primary schools are being nurtured and augmented through curriculum and careers partnerships, such as STEM pathways for female students.

Payment performance

The Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act which came into force on 1 November 1998 requires colleges, in the absence of agreement to the contrary, to make payments to suppliers within 30 days of either the provision of goods or services or the date on which the invoice was received. The target set by the Treasury for payment to suppliers within 30 days is 95%. During the accounting period 1 August 2016 to 31 July 2017, the College paid 90% of its invoices within 30 days. The College incurred no interest charges in respect of late payment for this period.

Events after the end of the reporting period

The College has submitted a planning application to the Local Authority for a proposed new Digital Creative Media Centre, with the intention to commence building in July 2018.

Future prospects

The College is under Plan Led Funding and hence income for 2017-18 has been confirmed at £11,070,289.

RESOURCES

The College has various resources that it can deploy in pursuit of its strategic objectives.

Financial

The College has £4,982,000 of net assets (including £2,711,000 of pension liability) and long term debt of £7,442,000, which includes £3,618,000 of deferred capital grant.

People

The College employs 205 people (expressed as full time equivalents), of whom 115 are teaching staff.

Reputation

The College has a very good reputation locally and nationally. Maintaining this reputation is essential for the College's success at attracting students and external relationships.

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PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The College developed a new format risk register with a concise yet comprehensive reporting of the risks to which the College is exposed. On a termly basis the Senior Management Team scores and tracks the likelihood and impact of risks noting any mitigation or action to be taken.

The risk register is maintained at management level with assurances provided to Governor committees when risks score above a certain threshold. The process is reviewed once a term by the Audit Committee.

Outlined below is a description of the principal risk factors that may affect the College. Not all the factors are within the College's control. Other factors besides those listed below may also adversely affect the College.

Government Funding

The College has considerable reliance on continued government funding through the education sector funding bodies. Funding per student is static yet staffing and resource costs are increasing – we are facing real terms cuts on an annual basis.

Recruitment

The College is at capacity in terms of the number of students we can take. Despite being oversubscribed, achieving target student numbers is a delicate operation.

Quality

The College is in a very strong position in relation to performance outcomes for both progress and attainment however we must continue to be focused on sustaining and if possible improving performance in order to sustain the recruitment of students upon which the College's financial well-being depends.

Changes to A level

The introduction of linear A levels has been relatively smooth to date, but we will continue to need to monitor both the introduction of new A level specifications and the GCSE reforms very closely.

Capital Build

In order to provide fit for purpose accommodation for our current students and an option to grow sustainably as needed to offset static funding, the College is seeking to erect a new teaching block which is dependent on successful bids to capital funds and on a successful planning application.

STAKEHOLDER RELATIONSHIPS

In line with other colleges and with universities, BHASVIC has many stakeholders. These include:

- Students;
- Education sector funding bodies;
- Staff;
- Parents;
- Local employers (with specific links);
- Local authorities;
- Brighton and Hove Learning Partnership;
- The local community;
- Other FE institutions;
- Trade Unions;
- Professional bodies.

The College recognises the importance of these relationships and engages in regular communication with them through the College Internet site and by meetings.

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Equality

The College is committed to ensuring equality of opportunity for all who learn and work here. We respect and value positively differences in age, disability, family responsibility, marital status, race, colour, ethnicity, nationality, religion or belief, gender, sexual orientation, and trade union activity. We strive vigorously to remove conditions, which place people at a disadvantage and we will actively combat bigotry. This policy will be resourced, implemented and monitored on a planned basis. The College's Equality and Diversity Policy is published on the College's internet site.

The College considers all applications from disabled persons, bearing in mind the aptitudes of the individuals concerned. Where an existing employee becomes disabled, every effort is made to ensure that employment with the College continues. The College's policy is to provide training, career development and opportunities for promotion, which are, as far as possible, identical to those for other employees. An Equality and Diversity Action Plan is published each year and is monitored by managers and governors.

Disability Statement


The College seeks to achieve the objectives set down in the Equality Act 2010 and seeks to advance positive attitudes towards anyone with a disability. The College will make all reasonable adjustments to every aspect of the College to avoid disadvantage to any student or visitor with a disability.

- a) The College has a designated Equality and Diversity Officer who provides information and advice to staff and students. The Study Support Department makes provision for students with disabilities.
- b) There is a range of specialist equipment, such as radio aids, which the College can make available for use by students and a range of assistive technology is available in the Study Support Department.
- c) The admissions policy for all students is published on the College website. Appeals against a decision not to offer a place are dealt with under the complaints policy.
- d) The College has made a significant investment in the appointment of specialist staff to support students with learning difficulties and / or disabilities. There are a number of classroom learner assistants who can provide in class support for learning. There is a continuing programme of staff development to ensure the provision of a high level of appropriate support for students who have learning difficulties and / or disabilities.
- e) Counselling and welfare services are described in the Student Handbook, which is issued to students together with the Complaints and Disciplinary Procedure leaflets at induction.

Disclosure of information to auditors

The members who held office at the date of approval of this report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the College's auditors are unaware; and each member has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the College's auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by order of the members of the Corporation on 13 December 2017 and signed on its behalf by:


Peter Freeman

Chair

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Statement of Corporate Governance and Internal Control

The following statement is provided to enable readers of the annual report and accounts of the College to obtain a better understanding of its governance and legal structure. This statement covers the period from 1 August 2016 to 31 July 2017 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and the financial statements. The College endeavours to conduct its business:

- i) In accordance with the seven principles identified by the Committee on Standards in Public Life (selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership);
- ii) Having due regard to the UK Corporate Governance Code (2016) insofar as it is applicable to the further education sector.

The College is committed to exhibiting best practice in all aspects of corporate governance. We have not adopted and therefore do not apply the UK Corporate Governance Code. However we have reported on our Corporate Governance arrangements by drawing upon best practice available, including those aspects of the UK Corporate Governance Code we consider to be relevant to the further education sector and best practice. The Governing Body recognises that, as a body entrusted with both public and private funds, it has a particular duty to observe the highest standards of corporate governance at all times. This summary describes the manner in which the College has applied the principles set out in the UK Corporate Governance Code issued by the Financial Reporting Council (FRC). Its purpose is to help the reader of the accounts understand how the principles have been applied.

In the opinion of the Corporation, the College complies with the provision of the UK Corporate Governance Code in so far as they apply to the Further Education Sector, and it has complied throughout the year ended 31 July 2017.

The Corporation has not adopted the Code of Good Governance for English Colleges recommended by the Association of Colleges.

The College is an exempt charity within the meaning of Part 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and the Principal Regulator is the Secretary of State for Education. The Governors, who are also the Trustees for the purposes of the Charities Act 2011, confirm that they have had due regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and that the required statements appear elsewhere in these financial statements.

The Corporation

The members who served on the Corporation during the year and up to the date of signature of this report were as listed in the table below.

Name	Date of appointment/ reappointment	Date term of office ends	Date of resignation/ end of term	Status of appointment	Committees Served	Attendance Note 1 refer below
Lucy Aditi	9 Dec 2014	31 Dec 2017		Staff	Quality & Curriculum	33%
Will Baldwin	15 August 2016	Ex officio		Principal	Finance & General Purposes; Human Resources; Quality & Curriculum; Search; Premises Group	100%
Stephen Berry	1 January 2015	31 Dec 2016		Parent	Quality & Curriculum	0% (1 Meeting)
Hannah Duffy	April 2016	April 2017	April 2017	Student	Quality & Curriculum	100% (2 Meetings)
Kerry Doyle	15 December 2010	31 Dec 2016	December 2016	External	Quality & Curriculum	100% (1 Meeting)
Peter Freeman	31 Dec 2001 Reappointed 1 Jan 2005, 1 Jan	31 Dec 2017		External	Chair of Corporation; Finance & General Purposes; Quality &	100%

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	2008 & 1 Jan 2011, Reappointed July 2014				Curriculum; Human Resources; Remuneration (Chair) Search (Chair); Premises Group (Chair); Governance (Chair)	
Lindi Galloway	16 Dec 2013 (previously co-opted Committee Member)	31 July 2017	July 2017	External	Quality and Curriculum (Chair); Governance	100%
Gillian Hampden-Thompson	9 Nov 2016	31 Dec 2019		External	Quality and Curriculum (Chair – from Aug 2017) Governance (from Aug 2017)	100%
Christian Heeger	9 Nov 2016	31 Dec 2019		External	Audit Committee	67%
Dearbhaile Hunt	April 2016	April 2017		Student	Quality & Curriculum	0% (2 Meetings)
Veronica Jinks	6 Dec 2016 (effective Jan 2017)	31 Dec 2018		Parent	Human Resources	100% (2 Meetings)
Howard Kidd	1 April 2003 Reappointed 1 April 2006, 1 April 2009, 1 April 2012 & 1 April 2015	31 Mar 2018		External	Finance & General Purposes (Chair); Search; Remuneration; Premises Group; Governance	100%
Chris Newson	23 March 2015	31 March 2018		External	Finance & General Purposes	67%
Lynn O'Meara	1 Jan 2015 Reappointed 6 Dec 2016	31 Dec 2016 31 Dec 2019		Parent External	Quality and Curriculum	67%
Sarah Nield	6 Dec 2016 (effective Jan 2017)	31 Dec 2018		Parent	Quality and Curriculum Committee	67%
Neil Perry	9 July 2012 Reappointed July 2015	31 July 2018		External	Human Resources (Chair), Remuneration, Governance	67%
Sandra Prail	14 July 2014 Reappointed April 2017 (effective July 2017)	31 July 2017 31 July 2020		External	Vice Chair (elected July 2016) Audit (until Dec 2016) Human Resources, Remuneration, Governance, Search	100%
Jo Redfern	9 November 2016	31 Dec 2019		External	Quality and Curriculum	33%
Sue Smith	1 January 2010 Reappointed 31 March 2013 Reappointed 31	31 March 2019		Staff	Audit and Human Resources	100%

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	March 2016					
Abby Stock-Duerdoth	12 July 2017	April 2018		Student	Quality and Curriculum	100% (1 Meeting)
Chris Thomson	1 Sept 1998	ex officio	12 Aug 2016 (retired)	Principal	Finance & General Purposes; Human Resources; Quality & Curriculum; Search; Premises Group	Not applicable
Tom Wolfenden	7 July 2010 Reappointed 31 July 2013 Reappointed	31 July 2019		External	Audit (Chair), Search	100%

Note 1: Attendance at Corporation meetings during the period of the individual Governor's membership from 1 August 2016 until the date of this report. There were three Corporation meetings during this period (% does not include a Special Corporation Meeting held on 9th November 2016). Governor attendance benchmark per annum is 70%.

At 31 July 2017 the following were members of committees but not members of the Corporation:

Michael Bewlock	Audit
Sarah Bovill	Audit
Jo Davis	Finance & General Purposes
Samantha Smith	Human Resources
Eleanor Gualtieri	Quality and Curriculum
Mark Snape	Finance and General Purposes (and Premises Group)

At 31 July 2017 the following members of staff were members of committees but not members of the Corporation:

Alison Cousens	Quality & Curriculum (until August 2016)
Neil Jones	Human Resources
Jacque Punter	Quality and Curriculum
Anthony Rogers	Finance & General Purposes

Louise Pennington acts as Clerk to the Corporation.

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Statement of Corporate Governance and Internal Control (continued)

It is the Corporation's responsibility to bring independent judgement to bear on issues of strategy, performance, resources and standards of conduct.

The Corporation is provided with regular and timely information on the overall financial performance of the College together with other information such as performance against funding targets, proposed capital expenditure, quality matters and personnel-related matters such as health and safety and environmental issues. The Corporation meets each term.

The Corporation conducts its business through a number of committees. Each committee has terms of reference, which have been approved by the Corporation. The committees are finance and general purposes (and premises group of the finance & general purposes committee), human resources, quality and curriculum, audit, governance and remuneration. Full minutes of all meetings, once approved, except those deemed to be confidential by the Corporation, are available on the College's website (bhasvic.ac.uk) or from the Clerk to the Corporation at:

Brighton Hove & Sussex Sixth Form College
205 Dyke Road, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 6EG

The Clerk to the Corporation maintains a register of financial and personal interests of the governors. The register is available for inspection at the above address.

All governors are able to take independent professional advice in furtherance of their duties at the College's expense and have access to the Clerk to the Corporation, who is responsible to the Corporation for ensuring that all applicable procedures and regulations are complied with. The appointment, evaluation and removal of the Clerk are matters for the Corporation as a whole.

Formal agendas, papers and reports are supplied to governors in a timely manner, prior to Corporation and committee meetings. Briefings are also provided on an ad-hoc basis.

The Corporation has a strong and independent non-executive element and no individual or group dominates its decision making process. The Corporation considers that each of its non-executive members is independent of management and free from any business or other relationship, which could materially interfere with the exercise of their independent judgement.

There is a clear division of responsibility in that the roles of the Chair of the Corporation and Principal of the College are separate.

Appointments to the Corporation

The full Corporation is the appointing authority in relation to the appointment of a Member. The procedure for selection of all Members is through the recommendation of the search committee of the Corporation. The Corporation is responsible for ensuring that appropriate training is provided as required. The search committee is comprised of the Chair and the Vice Chair of the Corporation, at least one other Committee member and the Principal. Members of the Corporation are appointed for a term of office of not more than three years, but Members retiring at the end of their term of office shall be eligible for re-election and will normally not serve more than nine years.

Corporation Performance

The Governance Committee of the Corporation annually reviews the Corporation's own performance at its Autumn Term meeting and the Self-Assessment Report (SAR) arising from this, is recommended to Corporation for approval. References and excerpts from the Governance SAR are included within the whole College SAR which is also approved by Corporation and available in the relevant meeting papers at that time. For the 2016/2017 academic year, the Corporation has self-assessed its performance as "Good" on the Ofsted scale. Following an external review, appropriate improvements to governance are being implemented.

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Remuneration Committee

The remuneration committee includes the Chair and at least two other external Governors. Its responsibilities include consideration of the remuneration and the conditions of service of the Senior Post Holders and taking decisions on remuneration. In reaching its decision the Committee takes into account the need to recruit and retain, to recognise performance and to maintain appropriate differentials. It gives due regard to the interests of the public and to the financial health of the College. It is guided by survey data from the Association of Colleges and the Sixth Form Colleges Association and by information on any cost of living awards for teachers and support staff in Sixth Form Colleges.

Details of remuneration for the year ended 31 July 2017 are set out in note 6 to the financial statements.

Audit Committee

The audit committee comprises Members of the Corporation or others co-opted on to the Committee and may include employees of the Corporation other than those in senior posts. The Chair of Corporation, the Principal and Students may not be members. The Committee acts in accordance with written terms of reference approved by the Corporation. Its purpose is to advise the Corporation on the adequacy of the College's systems of internal control and its arrangements for risk management, control and governance processes.

The audit committee meets on a termly basis and provides a forum for reporting by the College's internal and external auditors, who have access to the committee for independent discussion and where applicable, without the presence of College management. The committee also receives and considers reports from the main FE funding bodies as they affect the College's business.

The College's internal auditors monitor the systems of internal control, risk management controls and governance processes in accordance with an agreed plan of input and report their findings to management and the audit committee. Management is responsible for the implementation of agreed audit recommendations and internal audit undertakes periodic follow-up reviews to ensure such recommendations have been implemented.

The audit committee also advises the Corporation on the appointment of internal and external auditors and their remuneration for audit and non-audit work as well as reporting annually to the Corporation. From 1 August 2013 there is no statutory obligation for sixth form colleges to have an audit firm to carry out internal audit and provide an assurance to the Audit Committee.

Internal Control

Scope of responsibility

The Corporation is ultimately responsible for the College's system of internal control and for reviewing its effectiveness. However, such a system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives and can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The Corporation has delegated the day to day responsibility to the Principal, as Accounting Officer, for maintaining a sound system of internal control that supports the achievement of the College's policies, aims and objectives, whilst safeguarding the public funds and assets for which he is personally responsible, in accordance with the responsibilities assigned to him in the Funding Agreement between the College and the funding bodies. He is also responsible for reporting to the Corporation any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of College policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being

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Statement of Corporate Governance and Internal Control (continued)

realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in the college for the year ended 31 July 2017 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts.

Capacity to handle risk

The Corporation has reviewed the key risks to which the College is exposed, together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Corporation is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the College's significant risks that has been in place for the period ending 31 July 2017 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts. This process is regularly reviewed by the Corporation.

The risk and control framework

The system of internal control is based on a framework of regular management information, administrative procedures including the segregation of duties, and a system of delegation and accountability. In particular it includes:

- Comprehensive budgeting systems with an annual budget, which is reviewed and agreed by the Corporation
- Regular reviews by the Corporation of periodic and annual financial reports which indicate financial performances against forecasts
- Setting targets to measure financial and other performance
- Clearly defined capital investment control guidelines
- The adoption of formal project management disciplines, where appropriate.

BHASVIC has an internal audit service, provided by Mazars, which operates in accordance with the requirements of the ESFA's post 16 Audit Code of Practice. The work of the internal audit service is informed by an analysis of the risks to which the College is exposed, and annual internal audit plans are based on this analysis. The analysis of risks and the internal audit plans are endorsed by the College's governing body on the recommendation of the audit committee. At least annually the internal audit service provides the governing body with a report on internal audit activity in the college. The report includes the independent opinion of the internal audit service provider on the adequacy and effectiveness of the College's system of internal control, risk management controls and governance processes.

Review of effectiveness

As Accounting Officer, the Principal has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. The Principal's review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control is informed by:

- the work of the internal auditors
- the work of the executive managers within the College who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework
- comments made by the College's financial statements auditors and the regularity auditors in their management letters and other reports.

The Accounting Officer has been advised on the implications of the result of his review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control by the audit committee which oversees the work of the internal auditor, and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

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Statement of Corporate Governance and Internal Control (continued)

The senior management team receives reports setting out key performance and risk indicators and considers possible control issues brought to their attention by early warning mechanisms which are embedded within the departments and reinforced by risk awareness training. The senior management team and the audit committee also receive regular reports from internal audit, which includes recommendations for improvement. The audit committee's role in this area is confined to a high-level review of the arrangements for internal control. The Corporation's agenda includes a regular item for consideration of risk and control and receives reports thereon from the senior management team and the audit committee. The emphasis is on obtaining the relevant degree of assurance and not merely reporting by exception. At its December 2017 meeting, the Corporation carried out the annual assessment for the year ended 31 July 2017 by considering documentation from the senior management team and internal audit, and taking account of events since 31 July 2017.

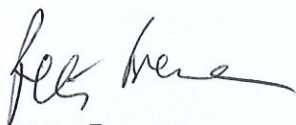
Based on the advice of the audit committee and the Principal, the Corporation is of the opinion that the College has an adequate and effective framework for governance, risk management and control, and has fulfilled its statutory responsibility for "the effective and efficient use of resources, the solvency of the institution and the body and the safeguarding of their assets".

Going Concern

The activities of the College, together with the factors likely to affect its future development and performance are set out in the Members Report. The financial position of the College, its cash flow, liquidity and borrowing are presented in the Financial Statements and accompanying Notes. The College currently has £4,076,000 of unsecured loans outstanding with bankers on terms negotiated in 2012. The College's forecasts and financial projections indicate that it will be able to operate within this existing facility and covenants for the foreseeable future.

Accordingly the College has a reasonable expectation that it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, and for this reason will continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of its Financial Statements.

Approved by order of the members of the Corporation on 13 December 2017 and signed on its behalf by:



Peter Freeman
Chair



William Baldwin
Accounting Officer

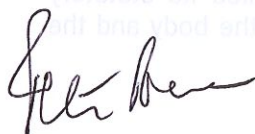
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Statement of Regularity, Propriety and Compliance

The Corporation has considered its responsibility to notify the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the College and the ESFA. As part of its consideration the Corporation has had due regard to the requirements of the funding agreement.

We confirm, on behalf of the Corporation, that after due enquiry and to the best of our knowledge, the Corporation believes that it is able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the College, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the College's funding agreement.

We confirm that no instances of material irregularity, impropriety or funding non-compliance have been discovered to date. If any instances are identified after the date of this statement, these will be notified to the ESFA.



Peter Freeman
Chair
Date:



William Baldwin
Accounting Officer
Date:

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Approved by order of the members of the Corporation on 13 December 2017 and signed on its behalf by:


William Baldwin
Accounting Officer
Peter Freeman
Chair

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Statement of Responsibilities of the Members of the Corporation

The members of the Corporation are required to present audited financial statements for each financial year.

Within the terms and conditions of the Funding Agreement agreed between the ESFA and the Corporation of the College, the Corporation, through its Principal, is required to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with the 2015 Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting for Further and Higher Education and with the College Accounts Direction for 2016-17 issued by the ESFA, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the College and the results for that year.

In preparing the financial statements the Corporation is required to:

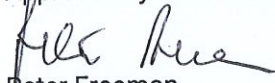
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether UK applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to assume that the College will continue in operation.

The Corporation is responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the College and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with the relevant legislation of incorporation and other relevant accounting standards. It is responsible for taking steps that are reasonably open to it to safeguard assets of the College and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The maintenance and integrity of the BHASVIC website is the responsibility of the governing body of the College; the work carried out by the auditors does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, the auditors accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the financial statements since they were initially presented on the website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Members of the Corporation are responsible for ensuring that expenditure and income are applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and that the financial transactions conform to the authorities that govern them. In addition they are responsible for ensuring that funds from the ESFA are used only in accordance with the Funding Agreement with the ESFA and any other conditions that may be prescribed from time to time. Members of the Corporation must ensure that there are appropriate financial and management controls in place to safeguard public and other funds and ensure they are used properly. In addition, members of the Corporation are responsible for securing economical, efficient and effective management of the College's resources and expenditure, so that the benefits that should be derived from the application of public funds from the EFA are not put at risk.

Approved by the members of the Corporation on 13 December 2017 and signed on its behalf by:


Peter Freeman
Chair

BRIGHTON HOVE AND SUSSEX SIXTH FORM COLLEGE
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE CORPORATION OF BRIGHTON HOVE & SUSSEX SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

We have audited the College financial statements of Brighton Hove and Sussex Sixth Form College (the "College") for the year ended 31 July 2017 which comprise the college statement of comprehensive income, the college balance sheet, the college statement of changes in reserves, the college statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom accounting standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' as set out in our engagement letter dated May 2017.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the College's affairs as at 31 July 2017 and of the College's surplus of income over expenditure for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the college in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISA's (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the governor's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the governor's have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the college's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The governors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Report and Financial Statements other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Post-16 Audit Code of Practice 2016 to 2017 issued by the Department for Education requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations required for our audit.

Responsibilities of the Corporation of Brighton Hove and Sussex Sixth Form College

As explained more fully in the Statement of the Corporation's Responsibilities set out on page 17, the Corporation is responsible for the preparation of financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Corporation determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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In preparing the financial statements, the Corporation is responsible for assessing the College's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Corporation either intend to liquidate the College or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities> this description forms part of our auditor's report.

This report is made solely to the Corporation, as a body, in accordance with the Funding Agreement published by the Education Funding Agency and our engagement letter dated May 2017. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Corporation, as a body, those matters we are required under our engagement letter dated May 2017 to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Corporation, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

RSM UK AUDIT LLP
Chartered Accountants
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BRIGHTON HOVE AND SUSSEX SIXTH FORM COLLEGE
Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the year ended 31 July 2017

	Notes	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
INCOME			
Funding body grants	2	11,698	10,765
Tuition fees and education contracts	3	1	3
Other income	4	790	760
Investment income	5	21	-
Total income		12,510	11,528
EXPENDITURE			
Staff costs	6	8,641	7,793
Other operating expenses	7	2,822	2,361
Depreciation	10	608	736
Interest and other finance costs	8	180	208
Total expenditure		12,251	11,098
Surplus/(deficit) before other gains and losses		259	430
Change in market value of investments		14	8
Surplus before tax		273	438
Taxation	9	-	-
Surplus for the year		273	438
Remeasurement of net defined pension liability		1,297	(502)
Total comprehensive income for the year		1,570	(64)

BRIGHTON HOVE AND SUSSEX SIXTH FORM COLLEGE
College Statement of Changes in Reserves

	Notes	Income and Expenditure account £'000	Revaluation Reserve £'000	Total £'000
Balance at 1 August 2015		1,083	2,393	3,476
Surplus for the year		438	-	438
Other comprehensive income		(502)	-	(502)
Transfers between revaluation and income and expenditure		76	(76)	-
		<u>12</u>	<u>(76)</u>	<u>(64)</u>
Balance at 31 July 2016		1,095	2,317	3,412
Surplus for the year		273	-	273
Other comprehensive income		1,297	-	1,297
Transfers between revaluation and income and expenditure		76	(76)	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>1,646</u>	<u>(76)</u>	<u>1,570</u>
Balance at 31 July 2017		<u>2,741</u>	<u>2,241</u>	<u>4,982</u>



 William Baldwin
 Principal



 Peter Jackson
 Chair

BRIGHTON HOVE AND SUSSEX SIXTH FORM COLLEGE
Balance sheet as at 31 July 2017

	Notes	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10a	<u>11,958</u>	<u>12,121</u>
Current assets			
Stocks		3	11
Debtors	11	377	280
Investments	10b	2,141	1,126
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>2,895</u>	<u>2,926</u>
Total current assets		5,416	4,343
Less: Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(2,239)</u>	<u>(1,810)</u>
Net current assets		<u>3,177</u>	<u>2,533</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		15,135	14,654
Less: Creditors – amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(7,442)	(7,599)
Provisions			
Defined benefit obligations	19	(2,711)	(3,643)
Total net assets		<u><u>4,982</u></u>	<u><u>3,412</u></u>
Unrestricted Reserves			
Income and expenditure account		2,741	1,095
Revaluation reserve		2,241	2,317
Total reserves		<u><u>4,982</u></u>	<u><u>3,412</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 19 to 42 were approved by the Corporation on 13 December 2017 and were signed on its behalf on that date by:


Peter Freeman
 Chair


William Baldwin
 Principal

BRIGHTON HOVE AND SUSSEX SIXTH FORM COLLEGE
Cash Flow Statement

	Notes	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Cash inflow from operating activities			
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		273	438
Adjustment for non cash items			
Depreciation		608	736
(Increase)/decrease in stocks		8	(2)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors		(97)	(216)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors within one year		470	(215)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors after one year		94	23
Pension scheme non-cash movements		274	180
Adjustment for investing or financing activities			
Fair value gains on investments		(14)	(8)
Interest payable		180	208
Investment income		(21)	-
Net cashflow from operating activities		1,775	1,144
Cash flows from investing activities			
Investment income		21	-
Withdrawal of deposits		-	-
New deposit		(1,000)	(1,000)
Payments made to acquire fixed assets		(445)	(87)
		(1,424)	(1,087)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Interest paid		(89)	(102)
New unsecured loans		-	-
Repayments of amounts borrowed		(293)	(257)
Capital elements of finance lease rentals		-	-
		(382)	(359)
Increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(31)	(302)
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the year	16	2,926	3,228
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	16	2,895	2,926

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Statement of accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material to the financial statements.

General information

Brighton Hove and Sussex Sixth Form College is a Corporation established under the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 as a sixth form college. The address of the College's principle place of business is 205 Dyke Road, Hove, East Sussex BN3 6EG. The nature of the College's operations are set out in the Report of the Governing Body.

Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: 'Accounting for Further and Higher Education 2015' (the 2015 FE HE SORP), the 'College Accounts Direction for 2016 to 2017' and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 – 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland' (FRS 102). The College is a public benefit entity and has therefore applied the relevant public benefit requirements of FRS 102.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the College's accounting policies.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention as modified by the use of previous valuations as deemed cost at transition for certain non – current assets.

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years stated unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is also the functional currency of the College.

Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest whole £1,000, except where otherwise indicated.

Going concern

The activities of the College, together with the factors likely to affect its future development and performance are set out in the Operating and Financial Review. The financial position of the College, its cashflow, liquidity and borrowings are described in the Financial Statements and accompanying notes.

The College currently has £4,076,000 of loans outstanding with bankers on terms negotiated in 2012. The College's forecasts and financial projections indicate that it will be able to operate within these existing facilities and covenants for the foreseeable future.

Accordingly the College has a reasonable expectation that it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, and for this reason will continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of its Financial Statements.

Recognition of Income

Income from tuition fees is recognised in the period for which it is received, and includes all fees chargeable to students or their sponsors. The costs of any bursaries awarded due to hardship by the College are included as expenditure in note 7.

Income from grants, contracts and other services rendered is included to the extent the conditions of the funding have been met or the extent of the completion of the contract or service concerned. All income from short term deposits is credited to the income and expenditure account in the year in which it is earned.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Recognition of Income

Funding body recurrent grants are recognised in line with best estimates for the period of what is receivable and depend on the particular income stream involved. Any under achievement of the Adult Education Budget is adjusted for and reflected in the level of recurrent grant recognised in the income and expenditure account. The final grant income is normally determined with the conclusion of the year end reconciliation process with the funding body at the end of November following the year end. 16-18 learner-responsive funding is not normally subject to reconciliation and is therefore not subject to contract adjustments.

Government capital grants for assets are accounted for under the accrual model. The grant income received or receivable will be recognised over the expected useful life of the asset, with any amount of the asset-related grant that is deferred being recognised as deferred income.

Accounting for retirement benefits

Post-employment benefits to employees of the College are provided by The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS). These are defined benefit schemes, which are externally funded and contracted out of the State Second Pension.

Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS)

The TPS is an unfunded scheme. Contributions to the TPS are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the College in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by qualified actuaries on the basis of valuations using a prospective benefit method.

The TPS is a multi-employer scheme and there is insufficient information available to use defined benefit accounting. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme and the contributions recognised as an expense in the income statement in the periods during which services are rendered by employees.

East Sussex Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS)

The LGPS is a funded scheme. The assets of the LGPS are measured using closing fair values. LGPS liabilities are measured using the projected unit credit method and discounted at the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each balance sheet date. The amounts charged to operating surplus are the current service costs and the costs of scheme introductions, benefit charges, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs as incurred.

Net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset is also recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and comprises the interest cost on the defined benefit obligation and interest income on the scheme assets, calculated by multiplying the fair value of the scheme assets at the beginning of the period by the rate used to discount the benefit obligations. The difference between the interest income on the scheme assets and the actual return on the scheme assets is recognised in interest and other finance costs..

Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in actuarial gains and losses.

Short term Employment benefits

Short term employment benefits such as salaries and compensated absences (holiday pay) are recognised as an expense in the year in which the employees render service to the College. Any unused benefits are accrued and measured as the additional amount the College expects to pay as a result of the unused entitlement.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Tangible Fixed Assets

Land and buildings

Land and buildings inherited from the local education authority are stated in the balance sheet at valuation on the basis of depreciated replacement cost as the open market value for existing use is not readily obtainable. Land and buildings acquired since incorporation are included in the balance sheet at cost. Freehold land is not depreciated. Freehold buildings are depreciated over their expected useful economic life to the College of up to 55 years on a straight line basis. The College has a policy of depreciating major adaptations to buildings over the period of their useful economic life.

Where land and buildings are acquired with the aid of specific grants, they are capitalised and depreciated as above. The related grants are credited to a Government capital grant account, and are released to the income and expenditure account over the expected useful life of the related asset on a basis consistent with the depreciation policy.

Finance costs, which are directly attributable to the construction of land and buildings, are not capitalised as part of the cost of those assets.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of any fixed asset may not be recoverable.

On adoption of FRS 102, the college followed the transitional provision to retain the book value of land and buildings, which were revalued in 1993, but not to adopt a policy of revaluations of these properties in the future.

Assets in course of construction

Assets in course of construction are accounted for at cost, based on the value of architects' certificates and other direct costs, incurred to 31 July. They are not depreciated until they are brought into use.

Subsequent expenditure on existing assets

Where significant expenditure is incurred on tangible fixed assets it is charged to the income and expenditure account in the period it is incurred, unless it meets one of the following criteria, in which case it is capitalised and depreciated on the relevant basis:

- Market value of the fixed asset has significantly improved
- Asset capacity increases
- Substantial improvement in the quality of output or reduction in operating costs
- Significant extension of the asset's life beyond that conferred by repairs and maintenance.

Equipment

Equipment costing less than £1,000 per individual item is written off to the income and expenditure account in the year of acquisition. All other equipment is capitalised at cost.

Equipment is depreciated on the straight line method as follows:

Building improvements	10% per year
Computer equipment	Between 20% and 50% per year
Other equipment	20% per year

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Leased assets

Costs of operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Leasing agreements that transfer to the College substantially all the benefits and risks of ownership of an asset are treated as if the asset had been purchased outright. The assets are included in fixed assets and the capital elements of the leasing commitments are shown as obligations under finance leases. The lease rentals are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The capital element is applied to reduce the outstanding obligations and the interest element is charged to the income and expenditure account in proportion to the reducing capital element outstanding.

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term or the useful economic lives of equivalent owned assets.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of their cost and net realisable value. Where necessary, provision is made for obsolete, slow moving and defective stock.

Investments

Investments are units in the COIF charities investment fund and shares on the AIM market, as well as money on short term bank deposit. Current asset investments, which include listed investments, are stated at fair value, with movements recognised in Comprehensive Income. Investments comprising unquoted equity instruments are measured at fair value, estimated using a valuation technique.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash includes cash in hand, deposits repayable on demand and overdrafts. Deposits are repayable on demand if they are in practice available within 24 hours without penalty.

Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value. An investment qualifies as a cash equivalent when it has maturity of 3 months or less from the date of acquisition.

Financial liabilities and equity

The College has chosen to adopt Sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102 in full in respect of financial instruments.

Financial liabilities and equity are classified according to the substance of the financial instrument's contractual obligations, rather than the financial instrument's legal form.

All loans, investments and short term deposits held by the College are classified as basic financial instruments in accordance with FRS 102. These instruments are initially recorded at the transaction price less any transaction costs (historical cost). FRS 102 requires that basic financial instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost, however the College has calculated that the difference between the historical cost and amortised cost basis is not material and so these financial instruments are stated on the balance sheet at historical cost. Loans and investments that are payable or receivable within one year are not discounted.

Taxation

The College is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly the College is partially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to the charitable purpose.

The College receives no similar exemption in respect of Value Added tax. For this reason the College is generally unable to recover input VAT it suffers on goods and services purchased. Non-pay expenditure is therefore shown inclusive of VAT with any partial recovery netted off against these figures.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Maintenance of premises

The cost of routine maintenance is charged to the income and expenditure account in the period it is incurred.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the College has a present or legal constructive obligation as a result of a past event. It is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Agency arrangements

The College acts as an agent in the collection and payment of Bursary Support Funds. Payments received from the funding bodies and subsequent disbursements to students are excluded from the Income and Expenditure account and are shown separately in Note 23, except for the 5 per cent of the grant received which is available to the College to cover administration costs relating to the grant, where the College does not have control of the economic benefit related to the transaction.

Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical areas of judgement

In preparing these financial statements, management have made the following judgements:

- Determine whether leases entered into by the College either as a lessor or a lessee are operating of finance leases. These decisions depend on an assessment of whether the risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred from the lessor to the lessee on a lease by lease basis.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

- **Tangible fixed assets**
Tangible fixed assets, other than investment properties, are depreciated over their useful lives taking into account residual values, where appropriate. The actual lives of the assets and residual values are assessed annually and may vary depending on a number of factors. In re-assessing asset lives, factors such as technological innovation, maintenance programmes, economic utilisation and physical condition of the assets are taken into account. Residual value assessments consider issues such as future market conditions and the remaining life of the asset.
- **Local Government Pension Scheme**
The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 19, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2016 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 July 2017. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.
- **Impairment of fixed assets**
The College considers whether tangible fixed assets are impaired. Where an indication of impairment is identified the estimation of the recoverable amount of the asset is required. This will require an estimation of the future cash flow and selection of an appropriate discount rate in order to calculate the net present value of that cash flow.

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2 Funding body grants

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
EFA recurrent grant	11,392	10,397
SFA recurrent grant	20	59
Release of government capital grants	213	228
Other allocations	<u>73</u>	<u>81</u>
Total	<u>11,698</u>	<u>10,765</u>

3 Tuition fees and education contracts

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Tuition fees	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
Total	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>

4 Other operating income

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Catering operations	254	225
Other income generating activities	270	239
Other income	266	296
Total	<u>790</u>	<u>760</u>

5 Investment income

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Investment income	21	-
Interest receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>21</u>	<u>-</u>

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6 Staff costs

The average number of persons (including key management personnel) employed by the College during the year, described as full-time equivalents, was:

	2017 No.	2016 No.
Teaching staff	115	108
Non teaching staff	90	88
	<u>205</u>	<u>196</u>

Staff costs for the above persons

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Wages and salaries	6,760	6,220
Social security costs	582	474
Other pension costs	1,299	1,099
	<u>8,641</u>	<u>7,793</u>
Restructuring costs	-	-
	<u>8,641</u>	<u>7,793</u>

Key management personnel

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the College and are represented by the Senior Management Team, which comprises the Principal, the Deputy Principal and two Assistant Principals.

Compensation of Key management personnel, Accounting Officer and other higher paid staff

	2017	2016
The number of key management personnel including the Accounting Officer was:	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

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6 Staff costs (Continued)

The number of key management personnel and other staff who received compensation, excluding pension contributions but including benefits in kind, in the following ranges was:

	Key Management	
	2017	2016
	No	No
£50,001 to £60,000	1	1
£60,001 to £70,000	2	1
£70,001 to £80,000	0	1
£80,001 to £90,000	-	-
£90,001 to £100,000	1	-
£100,001 to £110,000	0	1
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

Key management personnel compensation is made up as follows:

	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Salaries	310	318
Benefits in kind	-	-
Employers National Insurance	37	35
Pension contributions	<u>52</u>	<u>54</u>
Total emoluments	<u>399</u>	<u>407</u>

The above emoluments include amounts payable to the Accounting Officer (who is also the highest paid member of key management personnel) of:

	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Salaries	<u>93</u>	<u>108</u>
Employers National Insurance	12	13
Pension contributions	<u>16</u>	<u>18</u>

The pension contributions in respect of the Principal and senior post-holders are in respect of employer's contributions to the Teachers' and Local Government Pension Schemes and are paid at the same rate as for other employees.

The members of the Corporation other than the Principal and the staff member did not receive any payment from the institution other than the reimbursement of travel and subsistence expenses incurred in the course of their duties. The payments to the staff members and the principal were made in their role as employees.

The total compensation above includes amounts made under salary sacrifice arrangements for the cycle to work scheme and child care vouchers.

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7 Other operating expenses

	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Teaching costs	480	437
Non teaching costs	1,648	1,353
Premises costs	694	571
Total	2,822	2,361

Surplus before tax is stated after charging:

	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Auditors' remuneration:		
Financial statements audit	16	18
Teachers pension audit	2	2
Internal audit	10	9
Hire of other assets – operating leases	110	32

8 Interest payable

	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
On bank loans, overdrafts and other loans:	89	102
	89	102
Pension finance costs (note 19)	91	106
Total	180	208

9 Taxation

The members do not believe that the College was liable for any corporation tax arising out of its activities during either the current or the preceding year.

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10a Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property	Assets in course of construction	Equipment	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost or valuation				
At 1 August 2016	17,256	-	1,049	18,305
Additions	18	402	25	445
At 31 July 2017	17,274	402	1,074	18,750
Depreciation				
At 1 August 2016	5,446	-	738	6,184
Charge for the year	495	-	113	608
At 31 July 2017	5,941	-	851	6,792
Net book value at 31 July 2017	11,333	402	223	11,958
Net book value at 31 July 2016	11,810	-	311	12,121

Land and buildings with a net book value of £7,518k have been financed by exchequer funds. Should these assets be sold, the College may be liable, under the terms of the financial memorandum with the College, to surrender the proceeds.

If inherited land and buildings had not been valued, they would have been included as £nil cost and £nil accumulated depreciation.

10b Investments

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Listed investments	92	82
Unlisted investments	49	44
Bank deposits	2,000	1,000
	2,141	1,126

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11 Debtors

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Debtors	15	30
Prepayments and accrued income	362	250
Total	377	280

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Bank loans and overdrafts	252	293
Payments received in advance	127	122
Trade creditors	120	22
Other taxation and social security	280	262
Other creditors	1,248	898
Deferred income - government capital	212	213
Total	2,239	1,810

13 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Bank loans	3,824	4,077
Deferred income - government capital	3,618	3,522
Total	7,442	7,599

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14 Borrowings

Bank loans are repayable as follows:

	Bank Loans 2017 £'000	Bank Loans 2016 £'000
In one year or less or on demand	252	293
Between one and two years	209	252
Between two and five years	608	626
In five years or more	3,007	3,198
Total	4,076	4,369

A bank loan of £950,000 is partly fixed and partly floating. £250,000 is floating at 1.0% over LIBOR, payable by instalments between June 2003 and January 2018, with the remaining £700,000 fixed at 5.6% payable by instalments between January 2003 and January 2018. The amount outstanding at 31 July 2017 is £44,000.

The College drew down a loan of £300,000 in July 2006. This is floating at 1.0% over LIBOR payable by instalments between October 2006 and June 2021. The amount outstanding at 31 July 2017 is £72,000.

The College drew down a loan of £4.2m in 2016. This is floating at 1.6% over LIBOR payable by instalments between October 2016 and June 2039. The amount outstanding at 31 July 2017 is £3,961,000.

15 Provisions

	Defined benefit obligations £'000
At 1 August 2016	(3,643)
Expenditure in the period	334
Transferred to income and expenditure account	598
At 31 July 2017	(2,711)

Defined benefit obligations relate to the liabilities under the College's membership of the Local Government Scheme. Further details are given in Note 19.

16 Cash and cash equivalents	At 1 August 2016 £'000	Cashflows £'000	At 31 July 2017 £'000
Cash and cash equivalents	2,926	(31)	2,895
	2,926	(31)	2,895

17 Capital commitments	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Commitments contracted for at 31 July	162	0

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18 Financial Instruments

The College has the following financial instruments:

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit and loss	141	126
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost		
Trade Debtors	15	30
	<u>156</u>	<u>156</u>

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
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Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost

Trade creditors	120	22
Other creditors	300	356
Accruals	495	134
Bank loans	4,076	4,370
	<u>4,991</u>	<u>4,882</u>

Defined
benefit
obligations
£'000
(3,643)

334
508

(2,711)

Defined benefit obligations relate to the liabilities under the College's membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme. Further details are given in Note 19.

	At 1 August 2016 £'000	Cashflows At 31 July 2017 £'000
Cash and cash equivalents	2,928	(31)
	<u>2,928</u>	<u>2,897</u>

	At 1 August 2016 £'000	At 31 July 2017 £'000
Capital commitments	102	0

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19 Retirement benefits

The College's employees belong to two post employment benefit plans: the Teachers' Pension Scheme England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff; and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for non-teaching staff, which is managed by Orbis Business Operations. Both are defined-benefit schemes.

Total pension cost for the year	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Teachers Pension Scheme: contributions paid	691	628
Local Government Pension Scheme:		
Contributions paid	334	292
FRS 102 charge	<u>274</u>	<u>180</u>
Charge to the Statement of Comprehensive Income	608	472
Total Pension Cost for Year within staff costs	<u>1,299</u>	<u>1,100</u>

The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The latest formal actuarial valuation of the TPS was 31 March 2012 and of the LGPS 31 March 2016.

There were outstanding contributions of £124,000 (2016 £116,000) at the end of the financial year.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Teachers' Pension Scheme ("TPS") is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme governed by the Teacher's Pensions Regulations 2010 and, from April 2014, by the Teacher's Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. These regulations apply to teachers in schools and other educational establishments, including academies, in England and Wales that are maintained by local authorities. In addition, teachers in many independent and voluntary aided schools and teachers and lecturers in some establishments of further and higher education may be eligible for membership. Membership is automatic for full-time teachers and lecturers and, from 1 January 2007, automatic too for teachers and lecturers in part-time employment following appointment or a change of contract. Teachers and lecturers are eligible to opt out of the TPS.

The Teachers' Pension Budgeting and Valuation Account

Although members may be employed by various bodies, their retirement and other pension benefits are set out in regulations made under the Superannuation Act 1972, and are paid by public funds provided by Parliament. The TPS is an unfunded scheme and members contribute on a 'pay-as-you-go' basis, these contributions, along with those made by employers, are credited to the Exchequer under arrangements governed by the above Act. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

The Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010 require an annual account, the Teachers' Pension Budgeting and Valuation Account, to be kept of receipts and expenditure (including the cost of pensions' increases). From 1 April 2001, the Account has been credited with a real rate of return, which is equivalent to assuming that the balance in the Account is invested in notional investments that produce that real rate of return.

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The latest actuarial review of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2012 and in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Direction 2014. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education (the Department) on 9 June 2014. The key results of the valuation and the subsequent consultations are:

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- employer contribution rates were set at 16.48% of pensionable pay (including administration fees of
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £191.5 billion, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £176.6 billion, giving a notional past service deficit of £14.9 billion;
- an employer cost cap of 10.9% of pensionable pay.

- assumed real rate of return is 3% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.75%. The assumed nominal rate of return is 5.06%.

The new employer contribution rate for the TPS was implemented in September 2015. The next valuation of the TPS is currently underway based on April 2016 data whereupon the employer contribution rate is expected to be reassessed and will be payable from April 2019.

A full copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation can be found on the Teacher's Pension Scheme website at the following location:

<https://www.teacherspensions.co.uk/news/employers/2014/06/publication-of-the-valuation-report-aspix>

Scheme Changes

Following the Hutton report in March 2011 and the subsequent consultations with trade unions and other representative bodies on reform of the TPS, the Department published a Proposed Final Agreement, setting out the design for a reformed TPS to be implemented from 1 April 2015.

The key provisions of the reformed scheme include: a pension based on career average earnings; an accrual rate of 1/57th; and a Normal Pension Age equal to State Pension Age, but with options to enable members to retire earlier or later than their Normal Pension Age. Importantly, pension benefits built up before 1 April 2015 will be fully protected.

In addition, the Proposed Final Agreement includes a Government commitment that those within 10 years of Normal pension Age on 1 April 2012 will see no change to the age at which they can retire, and no decrease in the amount of pension they receive when they retire. There will also be further transitional protection, tapered over a three year and a half year period, for people who would fall up to three and a half years outside of the 10 year protection.

Regulations giving effect to a reformed Teacher's Pension Scheme came into force on 1 April 2014 and the reformed scheme will commence on 1 April 2015.

The pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £691,000 (2016: £628,000)

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19 Retirement benefits (continued)

FRS 102

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102 (28.11), the TPS is a multi-employer pension scheme. The College is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme.

Accordingly, the College has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 and has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined-contribution scheme. The College has set out above the information available on the scheme and the implications for the College in terms of the anticipated contribution rates.

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined-benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate funds administered by East Sussex County Council. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 July 2017 was £447,000 of which employer's contributions totalled £334,000 and employees' contributions totalled £113,000. The agreed contribution rates for future years are 18.5 % for employers and range from 5.5% to 7.5% for employees.

Principal Actuarial Assumptions

	At 31 July 2017	At 31 July 2016
Rate of increase in salaries	2.90%	3.90%
Rate of increase for pensions in payment / inflation	2.50%	1.90%
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	2.70%	2.40%
Inflation assumption (CPI)	1.00%	1.90%
Commutation of pensions to lump sums pre April 20018	50%	50%
Commutation of pensions to lump sums post April 2008	75%	75%

The current mortality assumptions include sufficient allowance for future improvements in mortality rates. The assumed life expectations on retirement age 65 are:

	At 31 July 2017	At 31 July 2016
Retiring today		
Males	22.10	22.20
Females	24.40	24.40
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	23.80	24.20
Females	26.30	26.70

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19 Retirement benefits (continued)
Local Government Pension Scheme (Continued)

The college's estimated share of the assets in the scheme were:

	Value at 31 July 2017 £'000	Value at 31 July 2016 £'000
Equities	5,350	4,648
Bonds	1,040	968
Property	743	646
Cash	297	194
Total market value of assets	7,430	6,456
Actual return on plan assets	690	780

The amount included in the balance sheet in respect of the defined benefit pension plan is as

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Fair value of plan assets	7,430	6,456
Present value of plan liabilities	(10,141)	(10,099)
Net pensions (liability) / asset	(2,711)	(3,643)

Amounts recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in respect of the plan are as follows:

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Current service costs	608	472
Net interest on the defined benefit pension liability	91	106
Total	699	578

Amounts included in Other Comprehensive Income

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Return on pension plan assets	532	580
Experience losses arising on defined benefit obligations	689	58
Changes in demographic assumptions	149	-
Changes in assumptions underlying the present value of plan liabilities	(73)	(1,140)
Amount recognised in Other Comprehensive Income	1,297	(502)

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19 Defined benefit obligations (continued)

Local Government Pension Scheme (Continued)

Movement in net defined benefit (liability) / asset during the year

	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Surplus/(deficit) in scheme at 1 August	(3,643)	(2,855)
Movement in year:		
Current service cost	(608)	(472)
Employer contributions	334	292
Past service cost	-	-
Net interest/return on assets	(91)	(106)
Actuarial gain or loss	1,297	(502)
(Deficit)/Surplus in scheme at 31 July	<u>(2,711)</u>	<u>(3,643)</u>

Asset and Liability Reconciliation

	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations		
Defined benefit obligations at start of period	10,099	8,305
Service cost	608	472
Interest cost	249	306
Contributions by Scheme participants	113	101
Experience gains and losses on defined benefit obligations	(689)	(58)
Changes in demographic assumptions	(149)	-
Changes in financial assumptions	73	1,140
Estimated benefits paid	(163)	(167)
Defined benefit obligations at end of period	<u>10,141</u>	<u>10,099</u>

Reconciliation of Assets

	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Fair value of assets at start of period	6,456	5,450
Interest on plan assets	158	200
Return on plan assets	532	580
Employer contributions	334	292
Contributions by Scheme participants	113	101
Estimated benefits paid	(163)	(167)
Fair value of assets at end of period	<u>7,430</u>	<u>6,456</u>

The estimated value of employer contributions for the year ended 31st July 2018 is £340,000

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20 Post balance sheet events

There are no significant post balance sheet events.

21 Financial Commitments

At 31 July the College had minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

Future minimum lease payments due

Expiring within one year

Expiring within two and five years inclusive

2017	2016
£'000	£'000
20	20
34	49
54	69

22 Related party transactions

The total expenses paid to or on behalf of the Governors during the year was £390; 4 governors (2016: £109; 4 governors). This represents travel expenses incurred in attending Governor meetings and training events.

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Independent reporting Accountant's report on regularity to the Corporation of Brighton Hove and Sussex Sixth Form College and the Secretary of State for Education acting through the Department for Education

Conclusion

We have carried out an engagement, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated May 2017 and further to the requirements of the funding agreement with the Education Funding Agency, to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Brighton Hove and Sussex Sixth Form College during the period 1 August 2016 to 31 July 2017 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 August 2016 to 31 July 2017 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Basis for conclusion

The framework that has been applied is set out in the Post-16 Audit Code of Practice 2016 to 2017 issued by the Department for Education. In line with this framework, our work has specifically not considered income received from the main funding grants generated through the Individualised Learner Record (ILR) returns, for which Education and Skills Funding Agency has other assurance arrangements in place.

We are independent of the [name of college] in accordance with the ethical requirements that are applicable to this engagement and we have fulfilled our ethical requirements in accordance with these requirements. We believe the assurance evidence we have obtained is sufficient to provide a basis for our conclusion

Responsibilities of Governing Body of Brighton Hove and Sussex Sixth Form College for regularity

The Governing Body of Brighton Hove and Sussex Sixth Form College is responsible, under the funding agreement and the requirements of the Further & Higher Education Act 1992, subsequent legislation and related regulations and guidance, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them. The corporation of Brighton Hove and Sussex Sixth Form College is also responsible for preparing the Governing body's Statement of Regularity, Propriety and Compliance.

Reporting accountant's responsibilities for reporting on regularity

Our responsibilities for this engagement are established in the United Kingdom by our profession's ethical guidance and are to obtain limited assurance and report in accordance with our engagement letter and the requirements of the Post-16 Audit Code of Practice 2016 to 2017.

The objective of a limited assurance engagement is to perform such procedures as to obtain information and explanations in order to provide us with sufficient appropriate evidence to express a negative conclusion on regularity. A limited assurance engagement is more limited in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement and the procedures performed vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for a reasonable assurance engagement; consequently a limited assurance engagement does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in a reasonable assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express a positive opinion.

We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 August 2016 to 31 July 2017 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Our work included identification and assessment of the design and operational effectiveness of the controls, policies and procedures that have been implemented to ensure compliance with the framework of authorities including the specific requirements of the funding agreement with the Education Funding Agency and high level financial control areas where we identified a material irregularity is likely to arise. We undertook detailed testing, on a sample basis, on the identified areas where a material irregularity is likely to arise where such areas are in respect of controls, policies and procedures that apply to classes of transactions.

This work was integrated with our audit of the financial statements and evidence was also derived from the conduct of that audit to the extent it supports the regularity conclusion.

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This report is made solely to the corporation of Brighton Hove and Sussex Sixth Form College and the Secretary of State for Education acting through the Department for Education in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the corporation of Brighton Hove and Sussex Sixth Form College and the Secretary of State for Education acting through the Department for Education those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the corporation of Brighton Hove and Sussex Sixth Form College and the Secretary of State for Education acting through the Department for Education for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

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