## INDEPENDENT HIGHER EDUCATION

## Process for the appointment of Chair or Vice Chair of the Board

- 1. A timetable for the process which gives all eligible candidates an opportunity to declare their candidacy shall be circulated to all Members of the Board.
- 2. Interested parties may declare their candidacy by submitting a current CV and statement of intent (setting out why they believe they are well suited to the role) to the Chief Executive before the given deadline.
- 3. The Governance and Nominations Committee will review fit-and-proper-person and declarations-of-interest forms of all candidates under our due diligence process.
- 4. A list of candidates who have passed the due diligence process, along with the above submissions, will be circulated to all Board Members.
- 5. If there are no candidates for the role, a new timetable for the process will be circulated.
- 6. If uncontested, the Board may approve the appointment by email circulation.
- 7. If contested, a secret ballot will be held, in which all Board Members (being the Directors of the Company at the time of the election being called) will have one vote.
- 8. There shall be no proxies or alternates.
- 9. The individual with the highest number of votes will be informed and invited to reconfirm their acceptance of the role. The Board will then be informed.
- 10. Following a ballot, or the Board's approval by email circulation (in the case of an uncontested candidature), the successful candidate becomes Chair Elect or Vice Chair Elect.
- 11. At the next meeting of the Board, the first item on the agenda after declarations of interest shall be to formally appoint the new Chair or Vice Chair.