NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY

JOINT MEETING OF COURT AND SENATE

16 June 2009

Present: The Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair), Mrs M O Grant (Chairman of Council and Pro-Chancellor), Professor J P Boulton, Mr N E Braithwaite, Professor S J Bull, Professor J G Burgess, Sir Peter Carr, Professor D I Clarke, Mrs J J Clubley, Ms M Coyle, Professor E G N Cross, Professor M F Cross, Professor A K Daly, Sir Michael Darrington, Professor C P Day, Ms CJ Ellis, Dr D Ford, Professor A E Gillespie, Dr V A Hammond, Professor C Harvey, Ms J Henderson, Councillor M Henry, Professor O R Hinton, Professor B H Hirst, Mr J Jeffery, Miss F M Kirkby, Dr H Loebl, The Rt Rev the Lord Bishop of Newcastle, Professor J N S Matthews, Mr C McCallion, Mr P S Mercer, Mr S D Pallett, Professor D Parker, Professor N J Reynolds, Dr M Ridley, Professor E Ritchie, Ms S M Robson, Professor D J Roddy, Mr N Sherlock, Professor B S Sharif, Mr H M Shukla, Dr O A E Sparagano, Professor A C Stevenson, Professor A Tanaka, Lord Walton of Detchant, Professor M J Whitaker and Professor N G Wright.

In attendance: Mr R C Dale (Executive Director of Finance), Dr J V Hogan (Registrar), Mrs V S Johnston (Executive Director of Human Resources) and Miss E M Niven (Administrative Officer).

Apologies for Absence: Sir Thomas Allen, Dr J C Appleby, Mr A G Balls, Dr D R Bell, Professor J E Calvert, Miss C Galley, Mr A A E Glenton, Professor E V Haines, Dr R Hawley, Professor D J Henderson, Professor R Hentschke, Mr C J Hilton, His Honour Judge David Hodson, Lady Irvine, Mr P M Johnson, Lord Joicey, Lord Judd, Mr R H Maudslay, Judge Mithani, Mrs S Murray, Dr C P F Redfern, Mr W P Richens, Sir George Russell, Mr P Shaw, Mrs J Sjøvoll, Dr A C Stenning, Dr J J Taylor, Mr R Taylor and Professor P L Younger.

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Reported that:

(a) As previously announced, Lord Patten would step down as Chancellor of the University at the end of July 2009, by which time he would have completed ten years in office.

(b) In accordance with Statute 6.4, the Chancellor shall be appointed by Convocation on the nomination of Court and Senate sitting in joint session.

(c) Senate and Council had agreed that the following working group should be formed to consider what recommendation to make to Court and Senate regarding the appointment of the fourth Chancellor of the University:
Considered a report from the above group which was tabled at the meeting.
[Copy filed in the Minute Book.]

Noted that:

1. The Working Group had met on five occasions. A thorough process had been conducted which included careful consideration of a person specification and the requirements of the role.

2. The Working Group had received over 50 suggested names which included individuals from a wide range of backgrounds. A shortlist of 8 individuals had been prepared and a risk and benefit analysis for each had been conducted. Vigorous debate had taken place but the eventual decision that was reached by the Working Group was unanimous.

Resolved that the recommendation from the working group that Sir Liam Donaldson be appointed as Chancellor of the University from 1 August 2009 for an initial period of five years, be endorsed and submitted to Convocation for approval.