York St John University: Governing Body review of effectiveness

The Governing Body adopted the CUC Code of Governance in July 2015 and aligns its practises against the code.

A periodic review of Governing Body’s effectiveness is carried out on a regular basis. The last such review took place in 2017/18 and was facilitated by external consultants, Ranmore and Nous. The review found the Governing Body to be ‘high performing’. An action plan was drawn up and approved by Governing Body in March 2018, to take forward further enhancements to effectiveness. Progress against the action plan is monitored by the Governance and Nominations Committee which meets twice a year.

Governing Body committee’s review their own effectiveness on an annual basis, using a set of self-challenge questions. Outcomes are reported to the Governance and Nominations Committee.

The Chairman of the Governing Body meets all Governors annually on a 1:1 basis to inform wider discussions on effectiveness. The Deputy Chairman is also available for 1:1 meetings with individual Governors.