

## Academic and Governance Services

## Council

22/30 An exceptional meeting of the Council was held via Teams on Friday 1 April 2022 at 4.00 pm.

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| The Vice-President         | (Mrs K. Owen, in the Chair) |
| The Vice-Chancellor        |                             |
| The Deputy Vice-Chancellor |                             |
| The Pro-Vice-Chancellor    | (Professor Miss E. L. Owen) |
|                            | Mr J. Magee                 |
| Professor R. Frazier       | Mr P. Milhofer              |
| Professor J. Gibbins       | Ms S Maple                  |
| Professor U. Kambhampati   | Ms L Moses                  |
| Mr B. Knowles              | Dr C Shaw                   |

## In attendance:

The Chief Strategy Officer and University Secretary  
The Chief Financial Officer

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a item, namely the appointment of its next President.  
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The shortlisting panel selected four candidates for the interview, which took place on 22 March. Candidates gave a short presentation on what positive difference they expected to make if appointed, followed by 40 minutes of questions and answers. The panel had selected the following key areas from the JD and person spec to probe in particular:

- Opportunities and threats from the external environment
- Working with the executive, focusing on governance
- How the university should improve its financial position
- How Council should best guide the use of the University's investment portfolio
- The main challenges facing students and how the role of the President might help
- How the Council should be open and transparent with academic and professional services staff.

These was overlaid with the following:

- The candidate's motivation, understanding and passion for Reading and promoting it outside
- Their ability to complement and provide constructive challenge to the VC
- Their ability to take tough decisions and ensure implementation of key issues
- Their support for the