

Role and operation of the Corporation Board



Since incorporation in the early 1990s, B&FC has been fully responsible for its own management and administration within a legislative framework that includes the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 and the Learning and Skills Act 2000.

The Corporation Board consists of up to 16 members from various backgrounds including business, the local community, staff and students, to which the Principal and Chief Executive and other senior managers report. They are all volunteers (staff members do not receive any additional remuneration in respect of their membership of the Corporation Board and therefore undertake this role voluntarily) who wish to make a positive contribution to the education of learners of all ages. They have an important part to play in raising standards through their three key roles of setting strategic direction, ensuring accountability and monitoring and evaluating college performance.

The Corporation Board has responsibility for:

- the determination and periodic review of the educational character and mission of the College and for the oversight of its activities;
- the effective and efficient use of resources, the solvency of the College and the Corporation and for safeguarding their assets;
- approving annual estimates of income and expenditure;
- the appointment, dismissal and determination of the pay and conditions of service of the Principal and Chief Executive, other senior post holders and the Clerk to the Corporation; and
- setting a framework for the pay and conditions of service of all other staff.

In order to discharge its duties, the Corporation Board meets around 8 times per year, with additional training and strategy sessions during the year.

In addition, Board Members usually serve on one or more committees where much of the detailed work is discussed and discharged, or where recommendations are made to the Corporation Board.

The Corporation Board is supported in its work by an independent Clerk to the Corporation.