

Council

'the supreme governing body of the University' – as described in the University's Charter
As a charity, Council is our Board of Trustees

Responsibilities

- Strategic direction.
- Monitoring effectiveness and performance.
- Safeguarding assets.
- Ensuring solvency.
- Appointing senior executive officers.

Professor Karen Holford

responsible to Council for the University's day-to-day operations



Sub-committees deal with detailed Council business:

- Finance
- Audit and Risk
- Remuneration
- Nominations

Recent activities

- Considered and endorsed annual assurance reports on Health, Safety and Wellbeing; Energy and Environment; Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; and Prevent Duty and Safeguarding.
- Discussed progress against the Change Programme timeline.
- Agreed a revised set of University Key Performance Indicators for 2025/2026.



17-19
members



Members serve for 3 years
(eligible for re-election)
to ensure a dynamic
and diverse Council



Meets 4x
a year

Members

Chair



Pro-Chancellor,
Andrew Haines
former Chief Executive,
Network Rail

Vice-Chancellor,
Professor Karen Holford

Independent members

Colin Day

Non-Executive Portfolio

John Greatrex

former Group HR Director,
Unipart Group

Ian Hart

Senior Investment Banker

Solomon Osagie

General Counsel & Company
Secretary, Zempler Bank

Jo Price

Chair of Board, University
College of Osteopathy;
former VC at Royal
Agricultural University

Claire Stokes

former Senior Partner, PwC

Rachna Upadhya

Founder of Lifespanology Ltd;
AI & Healthcare Specialist

Peter Watkins

former Director General,
MOD

Phil Zeidler

Entrepreneur; co-founder,
Deadhappy

Staff

Connie Greening

Senior Assistant
Registrar (Registry
Services)

Professor Phil Longhurst

Director of Automotive,
Energy and Photonics

Samina Masood

Head of International
Student Recruitment

Alicen Nickson

Director of Research
and Innovation

Student

Zahra Karimi
CSA President,
Research and
Education