



Newman University is a charitable company limited by guarantee and its governors (trustees) are directors and members of the company with limited liability.

The Council has nineteen members of whom the Archbishop of Birmingham and the Vice-Chancellor of the University are ex-officio. There are fourteen external independent members having experience in the provision of education or in an industrial, commercial or professional arena. Nine of these members must be practising Catholics. There are two Council members who are also members of staff and one member who is a student.

The Chair of the Council is elected from amongst the external members by the whole Council. There is also a Vice Chair, again elected from the external members, who acts in the absence of the Chair.

More information about our existing Council members and our Articles of Governance can be found on our Council webpage: [Council Members Website](#)

There is an opportunity for applicants for Council to speak to current Council members. Should you wish to do this please contact the Clerk to the Council, Andrea Bolshaw, on 0121 476 1181 ext 2211 or a.j.bolshaw@newman.ac.uk

Newman provides a Governor induction programme, as well as ongoing training and peer to support.

The role of a governing body in a Higher Education institution today is important and significant. The Higher Education and Research Act (2017) enshrines the governing body's responsibility in law. Newman University Council is responsible for:

- i The determination of the education character and mission of the University and for overseeing its activities
- ii The effective and efficient use of resources, the solvency of the University and for safeguarding its assets
- iii Approving the annual estimates of income and expenditure

- has not been responsible for, been privy to, contributed to, or facilitated any serious misconduct or mismanagement (whether unlawful or not) in their employment or in the conduct of any entity with which they are or have been associated.

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