The FGB Chair, CEO, and Group Director of Governance have been given delegated authority by FGB to review confidential minutes on an annual basis. The following minute was released for publication following the review panel meeting held on 7 September 2026.

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	ITEM	COMMENTS	ACTION
	17 - Safeguarding update to include future of safeguarding assurance	The Deputy CEO (VC-C) presented a verbal update of Safeguarding Assurance and the following was noted: • EKC Group is exploring a new model for external safeguarding assessment, working collaboratively with a London FE college. • The current external assessor will continue until the end of the academic year. • A reciprocal review model is being considered, with an example report to be shared with Governors in March/April for feedback before implementation. • Key Focus Areas will be: o Review of policies and procedures. o Staff and student engagement on safeguarding processes and tutorials. o Identification and mitigation of safeguarding risks. o Transferable practice sharing between institutions. o Training for staff. • The proposal for a peer review approach is initially for three years, with annual evaluation. Governors queried whether this update requires confidential treatment. VC-C confirmed this as appropriate.	

		VC-C confirmed that a full safeguarding report will be presented at the next Education Committee meeting in the Safeguarding update, and an initial report with the peer college will be presented at the Full Governing Body meeting in March. The current arrangements will end in July 2026 and notification will be given prior to the Christmas break. NOTED: Safeguarding Update	

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