**Appointment of Palvinder Singh as Principal and Chief Executive at Kirklees College**

The Board of Kirklees College is delighted to announce the appointment of Mr. Palvinder Singh as the new Principal and Chief Executive at Kirklees College.

Palvinder will join the college during Summer 2021 following the retirement of Marie Gilluley, who has successfully led the college for the last four and a half years.

Palvinder has worked in further education since 2000 and has held a range of senior appointments, most recently as Group Deputy Principal (Finance, Planning and Resources) for NCG. Prior to this, he held senior positions at both Luminate Education Group (formerly Leeds City College) and Barnsley College.

He has worked across curriculum and professional services functions and has expertise in strategic planning, curriculum improvement, financial and business planning, culture change and developing strategic partnerships with employers and government agencies.

He is currently the Chair of the Association of Colleges Equality Diversity and Inclusion Steering Group and Trustee for the sectors workforce development body, The Education and Training Foundation.

With over 20 years’ experience in the sector, Palvinder is passionate about the role and value of further education and the power it has to transform lives and communities.

Gerard Hetherington, Chair of Corporation at Kirklees College said:

“We are delighted to welcome Palvinder to Kirklees College to lead our committed and talented team in building on the great work of retiring Principal, Marie Gilluley.”

Palvinder Singh said:

“I am honoured to be have been appointed to this role. I am looking forward to getting to know my colleagues, our students and our partners so that we can continue to ensure that the communities of Kirklees benefit from a brilliant education and training provision.”