



## **TRUSTEES REPORT OCTOBER 2020**

Mike Coyne, Chair, welcomed Trustees to the meeting

In considering the Association's financial position, Trustees:

- Received an update on the commercial pipeline, and on new proposed partners for the Player Passport scheme, which were agreed
- Recorded the signing off of the Association's accounts, under a separate meeting on 13th October

In considering the Association's staffing, Trustees:

- Noted that interns would not be appointed, as the COVID-19 pandemic had again closed ESFA HQ and that remote internships were not considered to be suitable

In considering the Association's sponsorship and partnership arrangements, Trustees:

- Considered a number of emerging concerns which were to be raised with The FA

In considering the Association's progress against its business plan, Trustees:

- Were pleased to hear that Membership "roadshows" had been scheduled, and would include consultation on Player Passport proposals
- Received a report on progress towards the completion of Association restructure
- Noted that around 2/3 of the planned deferred 19/20 national finals had taken place, with some being cancelled at the last minute as new Tier 3 COVID restrictions came into place
- Considered proposals for formally recognising excellence in, and commitment to, football in schools.

In considering the Association's governance arrangements, Trustees:

- Noted the appointment of the new Independent Council Member
- Received the routine safeguarding report

Finally, Trustees reviewed all decisions taken during the meeting from a safeguarding and equality and diversity perspective to double-check that appropriate consideration had been given in each case.