

**TRUSTEES REPORT**

**MAY 2023**

Mike Coyne, Chair, welcomed Trustees to the meeting and in so doing noted the declarations of interest made.

In considering the Association’s financial position, Trustees:

* Received an updated financial forecast and approved additional expenditure items
* Approved the updated Financial Regulations
* Received the commercial pipeline

In considering the Association’s policies: Trustees

* Approved the appointment of a health and safety company for a period of one year to update and advise on current practice

In considering the Association’s staffing, Trustees:

* Were pleased to hear of the good progress through his traineeship by the Governance Manager
* Heard the outcomes of the staff development days

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

* Received feedback from the FA’s Education Partners’ Day
* Were updated on contract negotiations with partners whose contracts were due for review at the end of the season

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

* Received a further report on the progress of the cessation of the Administrator scheme
* Received an update on the sanctioning progress
* Were pleased to read the player feedback from the international trials, and noted the actions being taken as a result
* Noted the progress of the Year 3 and 4 festival programme
* Were delighted with the response to both the volunteer reward and recognition scheme and to the volunteer recruitment and retention campaign

In considering the Association’s governance arrangements, Trustees:

* Approved the process and timelines for Council nominations
* Approved the statement of safeguarding commitment for teachers
* Noted the date of the Honorary Auditors visit

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. Trustees conducted their routine review of risks facing the Association and checked that opportunities to engage players in decision making had been considered.