



TRUSTEES REPORT OCTOBER 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:

- Welcomed the external auditors to the meeting, received their report, made a "statement of going concern" and agreed to sign the 22/23 accounts
- Received an update on the recently signed new commercial contracts
- Considered alternative funding models for Member Associations

In considering the Association's policies: Trustees

- Received a report on progress towards the actions specified following the external health and safety audit

In considering the Association's staffing, Trustees:

- Were pleased to receive confirmation of the appointment of the new DSO, once pre-employment checks had been completed.

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

- Received a summary of sponsor activity
- Held discussions about the relationship with The FA, particularly with regard to the girls' game.

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

- Were delighted to receive confirmation that all FA KPIs had been met, and some exceeded, in 22/23
- Received and approved the first draft of the 23/24 business plan
- Received the routine report on activity
- Were provided with an update on the development of the IT portal

In considering the Association's governance arrangements, Trustees:

- Considered the lack of Honorary Auditor candidates and agreed remedial action to address this
- Noted the re-appointment of one SW Council Member
- Considered the arrangements to fill the vacancy on Trustees
- Received the routine report from the Safeguarding Operations Group and from the Board Safeguarding Champion
- Noted that the Palace had been in contact to explain that patronages formerly held by the Duke of Edinburgh were under review and that contact would be made in due course.

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.