Governance & Appointments Group Meeting

Tuesday 17th January 2023 1-2pm



Staffordshire University Conference Room/ Teams

Present A	Apologies	Also Distributed To:	
Pauline Walsh (PW) – V Jonathan Topham (JT) - V Jane Kracke (JK) IP (up to item 6) Carly Jones (CJ) IP Hazell Thorogood (HT) IP (up to item 6) *V=Virtually IP=In person	Chair Trustee Chief Operating Officer Chief Executive Officer Office Manager		Board

Meeting Minutes

No.	Item Topic			
1	Apologies: as above Kimiyo Rickett has stepped down from the Governance and Appointments Group and Finance and Audit Group.			
2	Declarations of Interest JK and CJ and HT as staff members.			
3	Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as accurate. Action 1 is to be reviewed later in the year (charity objects).			
4	Tier Three update The initial deadline to submit evidence is now 30.04.23. The focus from Sport England is on the 7 areas which have been added recently. Any actions not met by the end of April will be added to an action plan that can be put in place with the aim of being fully compliant by December 2023.			
	An update will be shared at the April Board meeting regarding if an action plan will be put in place. We are not expecting large compliance gaps in terms of new items. The main area that may need some focus is the ED&I action plan; we will need further guidance from Sport England on this.			
5	Board Meeting agenda and format The group agreed the Board Agenda.			
6	Board Self-Evaluation (Enclosure 2)			
	The organisation doesn't currently have a Board development plan but is aiming to put one in place. The accountability for the development plan sits within the Governance group feeding into the full Board.			
	There is a skills matrix in place and a yearly Board self-assessment: the group discussed that as an organisation we need to address how to use this information to its best potential and ensure that we are utilising Trustee skills fully.			
	Board and staff relationships: how do we ensure the Board fully understands the work of the team and how can the team make the most of the Trustee's experience.			

	How do we ensure the Board hold the team accountable for following through on strategic actio JT commented that this seems like a thorough approach however capacity of Board members needs to be taken into consideration. The Board development plan is a large piece of work and				
	need to find a way to deliver this so that all Trustees feel involved without causing a huge capacit need.				
	Action 1: JK to begin to map the Board development plan out and return with an update at the January Board meeting.				
7	Confidential Item				
8	Dates for 2022				
	Tuesday 18 th April 2023				
	Tuesday 11 th July 2023				
	Tuesday 10 th October 2023				

Actions		Owner	Date
Action 1	JK to begin to map Board development plan out and return with	JK	24.01.23
	an update at the January Board meeting.		

Decision			

Prepared By	Date	Checked By	File Code	
Hazell Thorogood	17.01.23	Pauline Walsh	Governance Appointments	
			Group Minutes 17.01.23	