

## BOARD MEETING, 22 September 2017 Summary of key points

The Board noted progress in extending the Regulator's remit to cover Northern Ireland and the terms of reference for the Scottish Government's review of the co-regulatory arrangements for fundraising regulation in Scotland.

The Board were updated on the number of charities that have paid the levy since the full list of charities within the scope of the levy was published on 31 August. The income for Levy Year 1 is at approximately £1.75m. thus far. The Board also heard that invoices for Levy Year 2 have been issued.

The Board were updated on the Memorandum of Understanding that had been agreed with the Independent Fundraising Standards and Adjudication Panel for Scotland. In addition an MOU with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland is due to be signed very shortly.

The Board discussed a paper looking at governance arrangements and in particular the terms of office for Board Members. The Board agreed to extend the terms of four Board members (for between 1 and 2 years) to introduce a stagger so not all institutional knowledge is lost at one time. Those Board Members whose terms will not be extended will be eligible to apply for a second, three year term, against open competition early next year. The Board also approved the Terms of Reference for a new Finance, Audit and Risk Committee and appointed an external expert member to the Committee.

The Board were updated on the development of the Public Register, and on the number and duration of complaints that are being handled by the Regulator.

The Board discussed Giving Platforms, and the issues that have been brought into sharp relief following the large number of pages set up after the terrorist incidents in London and Manchester and the fire at Grenfell Tower. The Board noted that a joint meeting is being held with the Charity Commission on 27 September to which all the main platforms have been invited.

The Board heard the latest usage statistics from the Fundraising Preference Service, including the number of individuals making suppressions and the numbers of charities who are picking up the suppressions.

The Board were updated on the work of the Commission on the Donor Experience, and in particular a presentation that was delivered to the Standards Committee by the Vice-Chair of the Commission.

The Board approved changes to the Face to Face Rulebooks that introduced new wording to cross reference between the Code and Rulebooks.

The Board agreed to move to quarterly Board and Committee meetings in 2018.