

BOARD MEETING, 24 May 2017

Summary of key points

The Board was updated on the consultation on the Code of Fundraising Practice. In total 225 responses were received, which will be considered in addition to the information gathered from three deliberative workshops held with members of the public. The Board was informed that an extra meeting of the Standards Committee is being held to consider the responses.

The Board considered the draft Annual Report and Accounts and approved them subject to minor editorial amendments. The report will be published in July.

The Board discussed the update provided on the levy to fund the Regulator. They noted the continued difficulties involved in chasing up payment. The Board agreed to consider the full list of charities that haven't responded and those that have refused to pay at the July meeting.

The Board were updated on the performance of the case working team for the year July 2017 – March 2017. During the period, the Board were informed that 713 complaints were received, and 621 cases were closed.

The Board noted the progress of the Registration scheme that is currently open to charities registered in England and Wales. They discussed the next phase of the scheme, which will open it up to fundraising agencies, including the proposed fee structure. The Board noted the overlap with the proposed accreditation scheme that the Institute of Fundraising will soon be operating. The Board concluded that Registration for agencies should begin in July/August.

The Board was updated on the situation regarding giving platforms and that our aim is to regulate them insofar as they fundraise for charities. After the terrorist attacks in Manchester and London, a joint alert to the sector had been issued by the Regulator and the Charity Commission advising donors to direct their funds to the co-ordinated appeals.

The Board approved the awarding of the contract to supply the call centre element of the Fundraising Preference Service. The Board was updated on the development of the FPS, in particular that it is on track to be launched in July.

The Board agreed that a Finance and Audit Committee should be put in place.

