

Resolutions from 8 June 2020 WPCC Board Meeting

Board Agenda

Resolution

In recognition of the Charity Commission guidance of 20 March 2020 and for the purposes of good governance, the Board RESOLVED to convene this meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Commissioners Clauses Act 1847 and Wimbledon and Putney Commons Act 1871 and through electronic conference facilities and to be bound by the Resolutions and Recommendations made, so long as every Conservator participating can hear and be heard by all other Conservators.

Item 06.20.9 Reserves Policy 2020

Resolution

That the Board RESOLVED to approve the draft WPCC Reserves Policy for the 2020/21 financial year.

Item 06.20.10 2020 Audit

Resolution

That the Board RESOLVED to approve:

1. the WPCC Key Audit Findings report prepared independently by Kreston Reeves in respect of their audit of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020;
2. the draft Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2019/20 as recommended by the Audit and Risk and Finance and Investment Committees, to be finally examined and settled by the Conservators and formally signed by the Chairman and auditor at the 2020 Annual Open Meeting;
3. the draft Letter of Representation to be signed by the Chairman of the Board and also by the Chief Executive at the Annual Open Meeting;
4. that for the purposes of demonstrating good governance while at the same time abiding by current Coronavirus pandemic health regulations, to hold the WPCC Annual Open Meeting on 29 July 2020:
 - a. using digital technology, in accordance with the Charity Commission's published guidance of 20 March 2020 (updated 7 April 2020) to help the running of charities during COVID-19, as confirmed by the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State in the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in his statement to the House of Commons on 3 June 2020; and
 - b. putting in place arrangements that reflect the advice of the Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy to foster participation and engagement as best possible, given the restrictions arising from COVID-19.

Item 06.20.11 Business Plan 2020/23

Resolution

The Board RESOLVED to approve the draft WPCC Business Plan for the period 2020 to 2023 based upon key operational and financial priorities set out in the Plan, recognising the uncertainty at present for WPCC arising from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Item 06.20.12 Regulatory Update

Resolution

That the Board RESOLVED to:

1. receive the Decision Notice issued by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) on 12 May 2020 in support of the position taken by the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators (WPCC) concerning a request for information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) made by a levy-payer relating to the reciprocal agreements between WPCC and the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club (RWGC) that is deemed to be manifestly unreasonable.
2. receive the further requests for information made under the EIR from a former Conservator and levy-payers received after the ICO issued a Decision Notice on 12 May 2020 regarding the reciprocal agreements between WPCC and RWGC.
3. recognise that the ICO's Decision Notice of 12 May 2020 acknowledges and supports the efforts made by the current Board to pro-actively publish information which it considers of interest and relevance to both levy-payers and the wider community in furthering the public's understanding of the Commons, its governance and its management.
4. receive the exchange of e-mails between WPCC and Charity Commission during April 2020 and May 2020.

06.20.15 Update on Wimbledon and Putney Commons Friends

Resolution

That the Board RESOLVED that two new categories of Friends be created:

1. Patrons (£1,000/year)
2. Corporate (£5,000/year)

Present:

Conservators: Mrs Diane Neil Mills, Chairman
Mrs Shirley Gillbe
Mr David Hince
Mr Peter Hirsch
Mrs Sarah-Jane Holden
Mr Mike Rappolt
Dr Ros Taylor
Mr Nigel Ware

Officers: Mr Simon Lee, Chief Executive
Ms Paula Graystone, Deputy Clerk and Ranger
Mrs Angela Evans-Hill, EA to CEO and Communications Officer