

## Saturday 5 December 2015

At its most recent meeting, on Saturday 5 December, the Board dealt with a wide range of matters, from decisions about Project Compass to approval of long-term strategies in a number of key areas. These included:

- Reviewing important matters around our safeguarding and vetting to ensure we have the best systems in place to keep young people safe
- Considering how digital technology and new ways of working could help improve the way we deliver Scouting around the UK
- Discussion of a report from auditors BDO about Project Compass. The Board had commissioned this independent review from BDO and the full report discusses the Compass supplier at length. Members and staff will appreciate that for reasons of commercial sensitivity we are unable to say more about this at the present time. However we wanted to share that BDO has confirmed some “lessons learned” for HQ specifically – to prevent a similar situation occurring in the future. The Board accepted the management responses to those “lessons learned” and we will share this in the new year
- Proposals for a new way to manage projects and programmes of work so that they are more successful and to help us prioritise
- Proposals from the Commercial Director which aim to double to £11 million the net profit from our income-generating activities – this is money we can then use to grow local Scouting around the country and reduce our reliance on membership fees in line with our overarching strategy
- Discussion and approval of a new Finance Strategy which sets out how we will invest and save money over the coming years

We are now planning for the Board’s March 2016 meeting, which will decide on the 2016-17 business plan and budget, as well as the Youth-Shaped Strategy developed by the UK Youth Commissioner and her team and a new Communications Strategy.

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