



LIFE CHANGING ADVENTURE

National Board of Trustees Update: Saturday 19 March 2016

At its meeting on 19 March, the Board dealt with a range of important matters, including approval of our Youth Shaped Scouting Strategy and the Association's budget for 2016/17. The key topics presented to the Board were:

- Our regular update and review of key safeguarding and vetting matters, including a decision on how the Association should report information to the Charity Commission. We will be giving more details on this subject to local Executive Committee Members as soon as we have received confirmation from the Charity Commission.
- Discussion and approval of our Youth Shaped Scouting Strategy 2016 to 2020. This has been developed by the UK Youth Commissioner and her team. The Strategy will inform how Scouting at all levels, from sections to UK headquarters, ensures that young people are at the heart of decision making within UK Scouting.
- An update on the successful re-launch of adult functionality in Compass. The Board reiterated its commitment to make the Compass "lessons learned" review available to Members once commercially sensitive issues have been resolved.
- The Board received training on portfolio, programme and project management and received a revised portfolio plan. This contains the key programmes and projects for 2016/17. There has been a conscious effort to reduce the number of projects next year mindful of both HQ and local Scouting capacity.
- Discussion and approval of the Association's business plan and budget for 2016/17. We have had a challenging year, with many pressures on the Association's resources and lower than expected fundraising income. The Board has approved a deficit budget for next year which takes into account these pressures alongside increased income from our commercial areas with a view to returning to a surplus position in 2017/18.

The Board will next meet in July, when it will decide on a new Communications Strategy and will consider strategic planning for the period beyond the 2014/18 Strategic Plan.

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