

**Minutes of SMG Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Held on Microsoft Teams**  
**Thursday 14th April 2022**

<b><u>Present:</u></b>  <b>SMG Trustees</b> Dame Mary Archer (Chair) Professor Brian Cantor Judith Donovan Professor Russell Foster Sharon Flood Iain McIntosh Professor Ajit Lalvani Professor David Phoenix Sarah Staniforth Steven Underwood	<b><u>In attendance:</u></b>  <b>SMG Executive</b> Shri Mukundagiri, Chief Operating Officer Peter Dickinson, Director of Communications Deborah Myers, Director of Development Roger Highfield, Science Director Susan Raikes, Director of Learning  David Jacob, Chair, Science Museum Foundation (Observer)  Sian Thompson, SMG Board Secretary
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1. **Apologies for absence**  
Apologies had been received from Sir Ian Blatchford, Sir Peter Hendy and Lopa Patel.
2. **Declarations of interest**  
No new declarations were made.
3. **Population Survey**  
A presentation was given, and the following points noted:
  - The data would be shared with DCMS and the 'Big Six' museums as a useful point of reference. A discussion would also be had with the 'Big Six' regarding a potential joint annual survey (**Action: PD**).
  - The data would be presented at the next round of Advisory Board meetings (**Action: PD**).
4. **SMG Partnership Panel Recommendations**  
The paper that had been circulated previously was noted. In addition:
  - A discussion was had regarding the appropriate metrics for consideration (as part of the framework approved by the Board) within which the Partnership Panel would operate.
  - A discussion was had regarding the use of break clauses in future contracts.
  - **The Board approved** the recommendations to proceed with both partners, subject to the use of break clauses (as appropriate) (**Action: SM/ DM**).
  - **The Board approved** the Partnership Panel Terms of Reference and the SMG Ethics Policy.

*Sharon Flood left the meeting.*
5. **Masterplan and Estate Committee Recommendations**  
The paper that had been circulated previously was noted. **The Board approved** the recommendations.
6. **AOB**  
None.

**Date of Next Meeting: 29 June 2022, Science Museum**

Signed:  (SMG Chair)

Date: 7 July 2022