

**Minutes of SMG Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Held in the Smith Centre, Science Museum on**  
**Wednesday 29 June 2022**

<p><b><u>Present:</u></b></p> <p><b>SMG Trustees</b>          Dame Mary Archer (Chair)          James Bilefield          Professor Stephen Belcher          Professor Brian Cantor (<i>by MS Teams</i>)          Judith Donovan          Tim Dugher          Professor Russell Foster          Sharon Flood          Sir Peter Hendy          Iain McIntosh          Professor Washington Ochieng          Professor Ajit Lalvani (<i>item 7 onwards</i>)          Lopa Patel          Professor David Phoenix          Sarah Staniforth          Steven Underwood (<i>by MS Teams</i>)</p>	<p><b><u>In attendance:</u></b></p> <p><b>SMG Executive</b>          Sir Ian Blatchford, Director &amp; Chief Executive          Shri Mukundagiri, Chief Operating Officer          Peter Dickinson, Director of Communications          Deborah Myers, Director of Development          Anna Dejean, Masterplan Director          Dr Roger Highfield, Science Director          Dr Julia Knights, Deputy Director, Science Museum (ScM)          Sally MacDonald, Director, Science &amp; Industry Museum (SIM)          Judith McNicol, Director, National Railway Museum (NRM)          Jo Quinton Tulloch, Director, National Science &amp; Media Museum (NSMM)</p> <p>Sian Thompson, SMG Board Secretary</p> <p>David Jacob, Chair, Science Museum Foundation (<i>Observer items 1-5, by MS Teams</i>)          Richard Goodman, Director General, Department for Levelling Up (<i>Observer</i>)</p>
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1.	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b>          No apologies had been received.</p>
2.	<p><b>Declarations of interest</b>          2.1 The process was briefly outlined for the benefit of new Board members.          2.2 No new declarations of interest were made.</p>
3.	<p><b>Minutes of SMG Board Meetings on 2 March and 14 April 2022</b>          The minutes of the meetings were approved and would be signed by the Chair. <b>(Action: MA/ST)</b></p>
4.	<p><b>SMG Chair's Report</b>          The paper circulated previously was noted. In addition:</p> <p>4.1 Deborah James, cancer campaigner and Science Museum Fellow, had recently passed away.          4.2 Colin Blakemore, eminent neurobiologist, had also recently passed away.          4.3 The Deputy Chair would be convening a search committee to support the appointment of a new SMG Chair (expected 2023). The Terms of Reference for the committee would be ratified by the SMG Board and trustees were invited to express interest in becoming committee members. <b>(Action: ALL)</b>          4.4 The Board had approved the recommendations of the Remuneration Committee in their closed session.</p>
5.	<p><b>Director's Report</b>          The paper circulated previously was noted. In addition:</p> <p>5.1 A discussion was had regarding the opportunities presented by SMG's Science and Innovation Park.          5.2 A proposal for mixed-used development around South Kensington Station had recently been rejected by Kensington and Chelsea Council.          5.3 Bradford had won the title of UK City of Culture 2025, which presented exciting opportunities for NSMM alongside many other projects already underway (e.g., Sound and Vision Galleries).          5.4 The Board would receive an update on SMG's Net Zero progress in March 2023. <b>(Action: JK)</b></p>
6.	<p><b>SMG Partnership Panel Update</b>          The paper circulated previously was noted. In addition:</p> <p>6.1 A discussion was had regarding the proposed revised framework.          6.2 <u>The Board approved</u> the recommendation (as set out in the paper) to evolve the use of the Transition Pathway Initiative in evaluating current and future partners.</p>
7.	<p><b>SMG Finance Committee Report</b>          The paper circulated previously was noted. In addition:</p> <p>7.1 <u>The Board approved</u> the recommendations as outlined in the paper.          7.2 It was noted that the Committee had also had a detailed discussion about inflationary pressures.</p>

8.	<b>SMG Audit &amp; Risk Committee Report</b> The paper circulated previously was noted.
9.	<b>SMG Masterplan &amp; Estate Committee Report</b> The paper circulated previously was noted. In addition:  9.1 <u>The Board approved</u> the recommendations as outlined in the paper. 9.2 A discussion was had regarding contingency for the Vision 2025 project. <u>It was agreed</u> that the Board would receive a project update in March 2023. <b>(Action: AD)</b>
10.	<b>Collections and Research Committee Report</b> The paper circulated previously was noted.
11.	<b>Railway Heritage Designation Advisory Board Report</b> The paper circulated previously was noted.
12.	<b>Any other business</b> None.

**Date of Next Meeting: 12-13 October 2022, National Science and Media Museum**

Signed:  (SMG Chair)

**Date: 7 November 2022**