

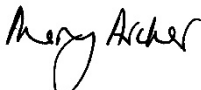
Minutes of SMG Board of Trustees Meeting
Held at The Royal Society, London
Tuesday 12 October 2021

<p><u>Present:</u></p> <p>SMG Trustees Dame Mary Archer (Chair) Professor Brian Cantor Judith Donovan Professor Russell Foster Dr Jo Foster Sharon Flood Dr Hannah Fry Sir Peter Hendy Professor Ajit Lalvani Iain McIntosh Lopa Patel Professor David Phoenix Sarah Staniforth Dame Fiona Woolf</p>	<p><u>In attendance:</u></p> <p>SMG Executive Ian Blatchford, Director & Chief Executive Jonathan Newby, Managing Director Shri Mukundagiri, Director of Corporate Services Peter Dickinson, Director of Communications Dr Roger Highfield, Science Director Deborah Myers, Director of Development Anna Dejean, Masterplan Director Sarita Godber, Director of People & Culture Helen Jones, Director of Global Engagement & Strategy Dr Julia Knights, Deputy Director, Science Museum (ScM) Sally MacDonald, Director, Science & Industry Museum (SIM) Judith McNicol, Director, National Railway Museum (NRM) Jo Quinton Tulloch, Director, National Science & Media Museum (NSMM)</p> <p>Sian Thompson, SMG Board Secretary</p>
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1.	<p>Apologies for absence No apologies were recorded.</p>
2.	<p>Declarations of interest No new declarations of interest were made.</p>
3.	<p>Minutes of SMG Board meeting on 30 June 2021 & matters arising The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.</p>
4.	<p>SMG Chair's Report The paper circulated previously was noted. It was also noted that <u>the Board had approved</u> the recommendations of the Remuneration Committee in its closed session with the SMG Director.</p>
5.	<p>Director's Report The paper circulated previously was noted. In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A high-profile Government event centred on the theme of green investment would soon be taking place at the Science Museum; - Conversations continued with the Wellcome Trust regarding gallery redevelopments at the Science Museum; - Former Science Museum Director Chris Rapley had resigned from the Science Museum Advisory Board (SMAB). Several new members had also recently been recruited for SMAB which would complement and bolster the group's existing impressive expertise; - Former trustee and longstanding supporter of SMG, Eric Ash, had sadly recently passed away. <p>5.1 SMG National Framework The paper circulated previously was noted and a presentation was received. The Board noted the more coherent, integrated approach to working across and outside of SMG, as well as the overt links to the DCMS National Policy Framework.</p> <p>5.2 DCMS Framework Agreement The paper circulated previously was noted. In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>The Board agreed to delegate final approval</u> (via signing of the agreement) to the Chair and Accounting Officer; - The Director of Corporate Services was commended on his work on collating feedback across the sector and on leading DCMS and ALBs to an acceptable final position.

6.	<p>SMG Performance and Data Report The paper circulated previously was noted. The format was much appreciated; future reports would include pre-COVID data for trend information purposes (Action: SMu).</p> <p>6.1 SMG Workforce Report The paper circulated previously was noted. An update on ethnic paygap reporting would be made to the Board in the coming months (Action: SG).</p>
7.	<p>Masterplan and Estate Committee Recommendations The paper circulated previously was noted. In addition, and in the context of feedback also received from the SMG Finance Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Board approved the project budget for the Energy Revolution Gallery; - The Board approved the project budget increase for the Sound and Vision Galleries; - The Board noted the film studio commercial proposal and agreed to delegate final approval of lease terms to MEC; - The Board approved the refreshed project scope and funding strategy for Vision 2025, including an increase in budget for Building 2 at Locomotion. - A discussion was had regarding the complexities of the Vision 2025 project. It was noted that the gateway approvals for various elements of the project aligned in early 2022 and an update would be given to the Board at that time (Action: AD / JMcN).
8.	<p>SMG Finance Committee</p> <p>8.1 SMG Finance Committee: Finance Report The paper circulated previously was noted.</p>
	<p>8.2 Science Fiction: Project Approval The paper circulated previously was noted. The project had been thoroughly scrutinized at committee-level, including a 'lessons learned' exercise. The Board approved the continuation of the project, noting that it would be important to understand the competitor market at the time of opening (Action: PD).</p>
9.	<p>Audit & Risk Committee</p> <p>9.1 SMG Audit and Risk Committee: Finance Report The paper circulated previously was noted. The Board approved the SMG Annual Report and Accounts for 2020-21 and commended the Finance team for the quality of their work despite external delays to usual process.</p> <p>9.2 SMG Health, Safety & Wellbeing Report The paper circulated previously was noted.</p>
10.	<p>Collections and Research Committee</p> <p>10.1 Acquisitions and Transfers/Removals Report The paper circulated previously was noted.</p>
11.	<p>Railway Heritage Designation Advisory Board Recommendations The paper circulated previously was noted. It was also noted that the RHDAB was currently undergoing a light governance review to ensure clarity of process.</p>
12.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>The SMG Managing Director would soon be leaving SMG. The SMG Chair and Board expressed heartfelt thanks for his enormous contribution to SMG and his length of service.</p>

Date of Next Meeting: SMG Board Meeting, 1 December 2021, Science Museum

Signed by Chair: 

Date: 01/12/2021