

Meeting of the Restoration & Renewal Delivery Authority Board - Monday 24 July 2023

Board Summary

Members present:

Mike Brown (Chair), Anne Baldock (Non-Executive Director), Tanya Coff (Chief Financial Officer), Susan Cooklin (Non-Executive Director), Stephen Duckworth (Non-Executive Director), David Goldstone (Chief Executive), Anne McMeel (Non-Executive Director), Matt White (Programme Director), Neil Sachdev (Non-Executive Director), Simon Thurley (Non-Executive Director).

Item 1 – Opening Matters & Minutes from the Previous Meeting

The Chair opened the meeting and noted that a quorum was present.

Members present declared their interests.

The minutes from the meeting held on 26 June 2023 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

Item 2 – Health, Safety, Security & Wellbeing Update

The Board received an update on matters pertaining to Health, Safety, Security & Wellbeing matters. It was noted that there had been no reportable incidents since the Board last met.

Item 3 – Chief Executive Report

The CEO provided his report to the Board on programme developments. This included an overview of the 17 July 2023 Client Board meeting where agreement had been reached to shortlist two delivery options. Updates were also provided on the ongoing work on temporary accommodation, engagement with Members, and recent media coverage.

Item 4 – Programme Highlight Report

This reported provided an overview of the key changes and development on the R&R programme. The Programme Report would be submitted onwards to the Programme Board.

Item 5 – General Election Scenario Planning

An overview was provided on how the timing of a General Election could potentially impact the delivery of the programme. The Board discussed the possible scenarios and outcomes and provided guidance on the ongoing work in this area.

Item 6 – Early Restoration & Renewal Proposals

An analysis was provided on the potential areas of the R&R programme that could be commenced early and the benefits and risks of each proposal. The Board discussed and noted that there would need to be a careful balance of the risk, cost, and learning opportunities of commencing work early.

Item 7 – Contracting Model Selection for Market Consultation

This item provided an overview of the consultation and assessments done to date in forming the DA's contract delivery models. The Board provided feedback on the proposals and noted the next steps for the proposed Commercial Strategy.

Item 8 – Draft Strategic Outline Case

An item was presented on the draft components of the Client Team's Strategic Outline Case. The Board was updated that the Client Team had taken input from the Delivery Authority, including the Delivery Options Assessment, Cost Estimate, Delivery Strategy, and other key documents, to produce an initial draft of the Strategic Outline Case. The Board discussed and provided feedback and drafting comments.

Item 9.1 – Q1 Forecast

The Board reviewed and approved the organisation's Q1 forecast.

Item 10.1 – Annual Report on Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

The Board reviewed and approved the Annual Report on Equality, Diversity & Inclusion.

Item 10.2 – Human Resources Policies

The Board reviewed and approved a series of HR policies.

Item 11.1 – Modern Slavery Statement

The Board reviewed and approved the annual Modern Slavery Statement.

Item 11.2 – Items Referred from the Committees to the Board

Anne Baldock, Committee Chair, provided a summary of the matters discussed and approved at the Nominations & Remuneration Committee (NRC) meeting held on 13 July 2023

Item 11.3 – Implementing Recommendations from the Board Effectiveness Review

This item provided an overview of the key findings and recommendations from an external effectiveness review of the Board and the organisation's governance. Proposals to streamline governance structures were agreed by the Board.

Item 11.4 – Feedback to the Client Team

Feedback from the meeting was provided to the Client Team.

Item 12 – Any Other Business

There was none raised.

The next meeting of the Board is on 25 September 2023.