

Subject	Decisions taken Between Meetings of the Authority	Status	For Publication
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Report of	Director		
Equality Impact Assessment	Not Required	Attached	No
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1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To report on decisions taken as a matter of urgency between meetings of the Authority.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are recommended to:
- a. **Note the decisions taken between meetings of the Authority using the appropriate urgency procedures.**

3 Link to Corporate Objectives

- 3.1 This report links to the delivery of the following corporate objectives:

Effective and Transparent Governance

To uphold effective governance showing prudence and propriety at all times.

4 Implications for the Corporate Risk Register

- 4.1 The particular decision taken relates to the identified risks around the effectiveness of oversight arrangements for Border to Coast.

5 Background and Options

- 5.1 It is often necessary for decisions to be taken between meetings of the Authority due to the time sensitive nature of the matters involved. These decisions are taken by the Chair in consultation with the s41 members and the Director and while published on the Authority's website are also reported to the next Authority meeting for transparency.

5.2 One decision has been required since the previous meeting of the Authority. This related to the casting of the Authority’s shareholder vote on 4 resolutions at the annual general meeting of Border to Coast. The resolutions covered:

1. The Approval of the Annual Report and Accounts – These show the company operating within budget and delivering progress against the strategic plan agreed with partner funds.
2. The reappointment of KPMG as auditors – KPMG have been in place for 3 years which is significantly less than the 9 years after which the Authority’s voting policy would indicate that independence could be compromised.
3. The annual review of the conflicts of interest policy for directors – This has been updated to reflect some regulatory changes but there are no changes of substance.
4. The register of directors’ interests – This is comprehensive and raises no issues not previously addressed by the Board with shareholders.

5.3 Having considered the advice of the Director and the views of the s41 members the Chair agreed that the Authority’s vote should be cast in favour of all four resolutions.

6 **Implications**

6.1 The proposals outlined in this report have the following implications:

Financial	None
Human Resources	None
ICT	None
Legal	None
Procurement	None

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Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
Published Decision Record 2021-032	Officer Decisions (sypensions.org.uk)