

Escalation and Assurance Report (Public Board)

Report from the: Charitable Funds Committee

Date of meeting: 24 June 2021

Report to the: Board of Directors

Key escalation and discussion points from the meeting

Alert:

- The Committee approved the revised *Better Lives* Strategy 2021-24 for ratification by the Board (as Corporate Trustees), presented to Private Board on 1 July in its current version. Further work will be undertaken on the presentation of the return-on-investment information in the strategy and, if ratified by Board, arrangements will be made for wider and public socialisation of the strategic document. The Committee will monitor progress on the delivery of the strategy at each meeting with an additional meeting to be arranged in October 2021.
- The Committee approved its Annual Report for submission to the Board of Directors, which outlined the work undertaken by the Committee during 2020/21 (see item 26 on the public Board agenda).

Advise:

- The Committee approved the change of the charity name to *Better Lives* and its registration with the Charity Commission, including the change to the Bank Mandate.

Assure:

- The Committee reviewed the charity's expenditure plans since its last meeting, including how monies from NHS Charities Together had benefitted staff, service users and carers.
- The Committee received a presentation on progress across *Better Lives* activities, which included 11 fundraising events, three successful grant applications, income of £37,038 received between April and June 2021 and forthcoming fundraising opportunities, including the Yorkshire Three Peaks in September 2021.

Risks discussed:

- Risks included in the strategy document highlighted the need to address governance gaps, the need for proactive communications and donor fatigue (all referenced in the action plan).

New risks identified:

- None.

Report completed by:



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