

Escalation and Assurance Report

Agenda
Item

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Report from the: Charitable Funds Committee

Date of meeting: 24 June 2021

Report to the Council of Governors

Key escalation and discussion points from the meeting
Alert:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee approved the revised <i>Better Lives</i> Strategy 2021-24 for ratification by the Board (as Corporate Trustees). Further work would be undertaken on the presentation of the return on investment information and, if ratified, arrangements would be made for wider socialisation of the document. The Committee would 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 25 on the public Board agenda).
Advise:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee approved the change of the charity name to <i>Better Lives</i> and its registration with the Charity Commission, including the change to the Bank Mandate.
Assure:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <i>Better Lives</i> 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.
<p><u>Risks discussed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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).
<p><u>New risks identified:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None.

Report completed by:

Zulfi Hussain, 24 June 2021