



PRESS RECOGNITION PANEL BOARD

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2017

25 September 2017

Status: for noting

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Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide an update to the Board on Executive activity since the August CEO report.
2. The Board is invited to **note** the contents of the Chief Executive's report.

Executive summary

3. The Board is being updated in respect of organisational and financial matters that have progressed since the last CEO Report.

Delivery updates

Fee charging

4. The decision document and fee charging scheme was published on 23 August 2017.
5. redacted

Judicial Review

6. Judgement is still awaited in respect of the Judicial Review heard on 29 and 30 June 2017.

Annual report on the recognition system 2017

7. On 10 July 2017, we launched a call for information on the recognition system to gather views from others. Respondents could provide feedback to us in

writing, on the phone, or in person. The call for information closed on 8 September 2017 and 8 responses have been received. We will consider whether the Call for Information should be formally reopened once we have received the Judicial Review judgement.

Stakeholder engagement

8. The Chair wrote to the head of Snapchat's UK subsidiary on 13 September 2017 offering to meet to discuss the PRP's work and role. This followed an article on the BBC News website about the role that journalists play moderating content on the social media platform. We will publish the letter on our website alongside the response when it is received.

Research update

9. Annex A includes an update on key external matters relevant to our work.

Finance

10. The Permanent Secretary of HM Treasury wrote to the Chair on 6 September 2017 noting that the CEO will continue in her role as Accounting Officer whilst the PRP continues to be in receipt of, and spends, public funds.
11. A bank reconciled set of management accounts as at 31 August 2017 is attached at Annex B.
12. The deficit for the period ended 31 August 2017 is £216,353 against the budgeted deficit for the year to date of £317,266. This represents a positive variance of £100,913. Details and an explanation of why key variances have arisen are detailed against the relevant budget lines.
13. The Board is invited to **note** the latest position regarding the PRP's finances.

Implications

14. The implications of decisions taken by the Board as set out in this paper are as follows:
 - Budget – any budget considerations are referenced in individual Board papers. There are no specific implications in addition to the issues referenced;
 - Legislation – no specific implications;
 - Resources – any resourcing considerations are referenced in individual Board papers. There are no specific implications other than these;
 - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion – no specific implications.

Devolved nations

15. There are no implications/differences in relation to the areas of work covered in this paper and the devolved nations.

Communications

16. There are no other issues to report which have communications implications, so far as I am aware.

Risks

17. There are a range of risks involved in the areas of work covered in this Paper.

Recommendations

18. The Board is asked to **note** the contents of the Chief Executive's report.

Attachments

Annex A – Update on key external matters

Annex B – Management accounts as at 31 August 2017