

LIVE BORDERS

Minutes of a Meeting of Live Borders held on Monday 24 June 2024, 6.45pm

Present: Alison Moore, Carly McAllan, Hollie Marshall, Bill White (online)

Apologies: Tom Weatherston, Kirsty Kiln (Mat leave)

In Attendance: Graeme Murdoch CEO, David Robertson SBC CEO, Jenni Craig SBC , Graeme McMurdo, Jill Franks, Jim Hutchison, Sheila Brodie (notes)

1.	Chairs Welcome/ Apologies of Absence	
	The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Introductions were made as guests from SBC were present.	
2.	Board Administration	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Declaration of Interest: None b) Board business: None 	
3.	<p>Council review of delivery of leisure services</p> <p>JC spoke through the published papers for the Council meeting to take place on 27 June 2024. Council officers have recommended that council approve option 3b – some services move back to SBC and Live Borders becoming a single member Trust. This would necessitate an amendment to MEMARTS and would be a new Governance model. Active Schools and Sports Development are the services which are recommended for transfer to SBC in the first instance.</p> <p>Further reports would be put to council to inform consideration for any further services to transfer back to SBC.</p> <p>Active Schools and Sports development – report to council in August Other Culture Services – report to council in September</p> <p>It was noted that the Transformation Programme will address the financial pressures, and it is recognised that recommendation 3.2 will not and does not seek to address financial pressures.</p> <p>The appendices to the report provide a lot of supporting information.</p> <p>The Board considered the report and asked for clarity on some key points: Services to transfer under recommendation 2.1b Non domestic rates Culture requiring a more in depth look</p> <p>DR said that in extremis the council would have step in rights, as it has now, but under the single member model these would be more straightforward.</p> <p>Board discussed the need to cooperate, reinforcing their concern for the staff involved.</p> <p>Trifitness is outwith the SPA, but would transfer to a new model.</p>	

	<p>Melrose Road, former head office – this is a Live Borders asset and implications for this asset need to be considered. ACTION: AM to seek counsel from Anderson Strathern. Reference was made to the MEMARTS. Noted that a new governance model might change decision on owned property.</p> <p>Other services without buildings: Health – clarified as not in scope presently for transfer to SBC Disability – clarified as for consideration in August. Arts & Creativity – clarified as part of the look at Cultural services SBC officers would require much more detail on all services.</p> <p>GM was asked how staff are feeling and it was noted that there is some emotion and that during this period of uncertainty there is a risk that staff might leave, morale is noted as being low.</p> <p>Board discussed: Business support services TUPE Timelines All of these are subject to what is agreed on Thursday</p> <p>AM reinforced the need for public words to reassure staff ie minimal redundancies. JC said that she would be happy to make this point strongly at the council meeting and reinforced that the report was not to deliver savings.</p> <p>JF said that by implication if business support, not aligned to specific services, if left in Live Borders would drive redundancy. JC said that the report was not clear and that there was definitely no intention to force redundancies.</p> <p>Noted that there was nothing specific concerning the value of the reduction in management fee should services transfer. Reference was made to SportScotland funding.</p> <p>Discussion on the disparity between the value of NDR at different parts of the report. This was clarified as being the result of the Barclay review capping the maximum value of relief on NDR.</p> <p>The Board then voted unanimously that:</p> <p>If the recommendations in the report are passed by council the Board of Live Borders will cooperate with the recommendations to transfer in an orderly manner to the single trust model as set out in the work programme.</p>	AM
4.	AOB None	

Meeting closed at 7.45 pm