



NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE TRUST

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of directors held by videoconference at 8.30 am
on Tuesday 27 July 2021

Present	Brett Wigdortz (Chair)	Mark Gifford (CEO)
	Ndidi Okezie	Jacquie Nnochiri
	Ian Livingstone	Ahmed Ibrahim (Youth rep.)
	Hannah McLellan (Youth rep.)	Ashley Summerfield
	Tristram Mayhew	Deborah Tavana
	Nick Hurd	Paul Cleal
	John Maltby	

In attendance Michael Devlin, Chief Transformation & Governance Officer
Louise Knight, Head of Strategy
Anna Kittow, EA to CEO
Emma Stone, Governance & Delivery Lead (acting Secretary)

Apologies Lord Iain McNicol
Laura Jackson, Government Representative
Sarah Knight (Secretary)

1 Welcome and declarations of conflicts of interest

- 1.1 Mr Wigdortz welcomed the Board to the meeting.
- 1.2 There were no new conflicts of interest raised by any member.

2 Comprehensive Spending Review submission discussion

- 2.1 Mr Gifford summarised the key areas where the submission, as tabled, was being further refined, following comments from the Board at the previous meeting on 21 July.
- 2.2 The Board discussed the submission paper and provided comments and suggestions for consideration.
- 2.3 Mr Wigdortz and members of the Board congratulated Mr Gifford and his team for delivering a great submission at pace.
- 2.4 The Board commented that they were pleased with the strategy builds incorporated recently: namely working better with the youth sector and building more formal partnerships, targeting those most in need, whilst keeping an universal offer, being bold in wanting to bring together the very best in the youth and third sector and building a world-leading national life skills programme to enable young people to be World Ready and Work Ready. Further, doing this in a way that improves value for money for the taxpayer.

It was suggested that the Trust's Management should work with the sector to secure a higher settlement for a Youth Offer for the young people of England, closer to the £100 million mark. It was noted that young people had suffered throughout the pandemic and

now should not be the time to reduce funding for this age group. The Board encouraged the Trust to continue to evidence how greater funding would allow a disproportionately higher impact than a smaller envelope.

Mr Gifford took these points on board, and thanked the Board for their much valued contributions, steers and support. He acknowledged the efforts of his team in creating the submission and, in particular, thanked Louise Knight, Head of Strategy, for her tremendous contribution.

Mr Wigdortz extended best wishes to Mr Gifford and his team in making the final submission to DCMS.

3. Meeting closes

The meeting closed at 9:20 am.

These minutes were approved as a correct and complete record of the proceedings by the Board at its meeting on 23 September 2021, and signed by the chairman as authentication.

Brett Wigdortz

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Chair