

Minutes of an Extraordinary SIB Board meeting
17th July 2023 at 12.30pm
By Zoom

In attendance

Duncan McCausland
Marie Therese McGivern
Kathryn Thomson
Danny McSorley
Brett Hannam (SIB Chief Executive)
Louise Johnston (SIB Finance Manager)

1. Appointment of Meeting Chair

The Board appointed Duncan McCausland as Chair for the meeting.

2. Reductions in SIB's Grant-In-Aid

Louise Johnston outlined the issue, explaining the scale of the cuts to SIB's budget and their implications.

Duncan McCausland asked Board members for their views.

The following concerns were expressed:

- It will mean reducing or dropping support for important pieces of work.
- There are some ways in which the reduction could be absorbed this year. However, it would be extremely difficult to manage the reduction if the baseline continues to be affected in following years.
- Board members unanimously agreed that no precedent should be set, even if savings were found in this year.

Board members made these additional points:

- Board members commended the way in which BH and LJ had worked to explain the situation with clarity and to propose solutions.
- Board members agreed that it would be best to continue dialogue with TEO to seek a resolution.

The following actions were agreed:

- SIB finance team's position should continue to declare an overspend in returns to TEO until further notice.
- The CEO should explain the situation in the staff newsletter.
- BH should draft a letter to send to TEO expressing its concerns.
- In light of the ongoing absence of a Chair, the letter will be signed by and sent on behalf of all Board members.

Chair