



**LIFE CHANGING ADVENTURE**

## **National Board of Trustees Update: Saturday 3 December 2016**

The Board began its meeting on 3 December with a session to plan the development of Scouting's strategic plan beyond 2018. This work which will continue at the Board's March meeting and the Summit 17 National Conference in April. We're also consulting our members and others between now and the end of next year. This will help us focus on our priorities and identify any new areas where we can make a real difference. Most importantly, we'll be addressing three questions: how can we improve the lives and futures of young people, increase our impact and better support our volunteers?

The Board noted ongoing work to finalise the Association's budget for 2017/18 – as planned, this will come back to the March Board after further scrutiny from the Finance Committee in February. It considered a number of other important matters, including a review and assessment of the major risks faced by the Association and the steps being taken to manage those risks, and noted that the Association has conducted a formal consultation with staff on pay and benefits to ensure a reduction in cost pressures to the Association in the coming years.

The UK Chief Commissioner, Tim Kidd, presented a report on the proportion of our members who feel "valued", "empowered" and "proud" – we're exceeding our 2016/17 target for all three measures, but work is nonetheless underway to improve these even further.

The Board noted a [proposed new Governance Code](#) which is likely to apply to all England & Wales charities from later this year – including all local Scouting. The Code is designed to push charity trustees (including Executive Committee members) to make changes to improve their leadership. We are consulting with County/Area/Region Execs about the Code – but are happy to take queries or comments from District and Group Execs too via [governance@scouts.org.uk](mailto:governance@scouts.org.uk) by 14 January.

You can view [more information about the individual Trustees](#) and a [copy of the December Minutes](#). And if you have any queries please email [governance@scouts.org.uk](mailto:governance@scouts.org.uk).

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