

HORNIMAN PUBLIC MUSEUM AND PUBLIC PARK TRUST

Summary of the Board meeting of 11 October 2010

Present: Timothy Hornsby (Chair), Jocelyn Barrow, Robert Crawford, Paul Henderson, John Irving, Lynton Jones, Michael O'Hanlon, Clare Paterson, Rosamund Sykes, Hilary Taylor, Eugenie Turton

1. Chief Executive remuneration

The Board approved the Remuneration Committee's recommendations in relation to the remuneration of the Chief Executive.

2. Gardens Redevelopment Project

The Board were informed that the tender process for landscaping and building contractors was underway and discussed project plans.

3. Stakeholder consultation

The Board were briefed on research which had been undertaken to support the rebranding work associated with the Gardens Redevelopment project. It was agreed that Trustees would be updated and invited to make further comment after the meeting.

4. Management Report

The Board received the Chief Executive's report for the period July - September 2010 and noted the management accounts for the period April- August 2010.

5. Business planning

The Board received a report from the first meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee (FGPC). The Board reviewed the proposed approach to business planning and approved the approach to be adopted for the development of a business plan for 2011-13. The Board approved a new direction for the library which focussed on specialist researchers and users, with provision of support for general browsers through an extension of bookstock in the galleries. The Board considered a review of commercial opportunities which had been commissioned by Horniman Museum Enterprises (HME) and agreed that HME and FGPC should review this in more detail and consult on the feasibility of delivering changes in this area.

6. Evaluation of Board performance

The Chair presented the findings of the self evaluation exercise which Trustees had undertaken and the Board discussed the findings and agreed with the Chair's recommendations for action.

7. Loans approval

The Board approved the loan of the temporary exhibition 'Basketry - Making Human Nature' to the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, University of East Anglia and for the loan of a Dance Paddle from Easter Island as part of the First Time Out project, a collaboration between Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, Natural History Museum, Science Museum and Wellcome Collection.

8. Risk Register

The Board reviewed the risk register and confirmed its assessment of the current levels of risks facing the organisation.