

## Nominations & Remuneration Committee

Date of Meeting	Thursday 24 September 2020
Paper Title	Update on External Governance Developments
Agenda Item	10
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Responsible Officer	Penny Davis, Board Secretary
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Action	For Information

### 1. Report Purpose

- 1.1** To update the Committee on progress in areas of external governance activity that impact on areas of the Committee's remit.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1.** The Committee is invited to **note** the report.

### 3. Background

- 3.1.** There were changes and/or delays in several areas of legal/regulatory activity with implications for areas of the Committee's remit, as a result of Covid-19 arrangements.
- 3.2.** In most cases, there has been no progress to report since the last meeting of the Committee in May, however, the Scottish Government is expected to issue an update on its position with regard to the extension of non-executive appointments in mid-September so it is hoped it may be possible to provide a verbal update to the Committee on both that and the issue of revised Appointments Guidance.

### 4. External Governance Developments

#### 4.1 Public Appointments

The Commissioner for Ethical Standards launched a consultation in August on proposed amendments to the Code of Practice for Ministerial Appointments in Scotland (which include Regional Chairs). The Good Governance Steering Group will develop a response to the consultation which will be shared with sector bodies. The deadline for responses is 9 November 2020. The GCRB Chair and Board Secretary both attend meetings of the Group. The consultation can be viewed on the Commission's website:

[https://www.ethicalstandards.org.uk/sites/default/files/publications/2020-08-06%20FINAL%20DRAFT%20Consultation%20Questionnaire%20-%20Prospective%20Code%20Revisions\\_0.pdf](https://www.ethicalstandards.org.uk/sites/default/files/publications/2020-08-06%20FINAL%20DRAFT%20Consultation%20Questionnaire%20-%20Prospective%20Code%20Revisions_0.pdf)

## 4.2 Trade Union Nominees on Boards

The GCRB Chair and Board Secretary provided feedback to the Good Governance Steering Group in August on a draft procedure for the appointment of Trade Union Members.

GCRB will also seek guidance on the role of a TU member on a regional board and partnership working at regional level.

## 5. Risk Analysis

5.1 There are no risks associated with this report which is provided for information.

## 6. Legal Implications

6.1. There are no legal implications of this report.

## 7. Resource Implications

7.1. There are no new financial implications arising from this paper.

## 8. Equalities Implications

8.1. There are no immediate equalities implications arising from this report.

## 9. Strategic Implications

9.1. There are no new strategic implications arising from this report.