

The Arts Council/An Chomhairle Ealaíon

778th Plenary Meeting

29 June 2023

Kevin Rafter, Chair, Jillian van Turnhout, Dónall Curtin, Aoife Granville, Andrew Clancy, Philomena Poole, Róise Goan and Linda Coogan Byrne.

In attendance:

Maureen Kennelly, Director, Martin O’Sullivan, Deputy Director & Company Secretary, Ciara Branagan, Council Secretary & Payroll Manager.

Note: Meeting took place via Zoom video conference.

Documents before the meeting

Agenda
Conflicts of Interest
Financial Statements 2022
Letter of Representation
Chair’s Letter to the Minister
Chair’s Introduction-Annual Report
Director’s Statement-Annual Report

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23 – 06 – 091 Apologies

Brian Lavery, Melatu Uchenna Okorie, Teresa Buczkowska, and Mark O’Kelly.

23 – 06 – 092 Chair’s Introduction

Conflicts of Interest- The Chair **noted** that members had already declared their conflicts and requested members to declare any further conflicts that they may have with the agenda items and reminded members to advise him of any conflicts that may arise during the course of the meeting.

23 – 06 – 093 Draft 2022 Financial Statements

Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee updated members on their meeting with the Comptroller and Audit General (C&AG) which took place prior to the meeting.

Members **noted** that only minor updates had been made to the final draft Financial Statements 2022.

In relation to the 2022 audit Members also noted that the C&AG confirmed that there was no matter which needed to be drawn to the attention of Members and that the C&AG received full cooperation from the Arts Council’s finance team in the completion of their fieldwork. ██████

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Members noted the Audit and Risk Committee recommendations to:-

- **recommend** the Draft 2022 Financial Statements for approval and signature to Council;
- Draft Letter of Representation- **recommended** for approval to Council;
- Draft Chairman's Letter to the Minister- **recommended** for approval to Council;
- Annual Report Chairman's Statement- **noted**;
- Annual Report Director's Statement- **noted**;

Following the recommendation of the Audit and Risk Committee, Members **approved** the following:-

- **Approved** the Draft 2022 Financial Statements;
- **Approved** the Draft Letter of Representation;
- **Approved** the Draft Chairman's Letter to the Minister;
- **Noted** the Annual Report Chairman's Statement;
- **Noted** the Annual Report Director's Statement;

23 – 06 – [REDACTED]

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23 – 06 – 095 Any other business

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There were no other matters arising.

Chair: _____

Date _____