

SOCIAL INVESTMENT BOARD

Wednesday, 14 September 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Social Investment Board held at the Guildhall EC2 at 11.30 am

Present

Members:

Alderman Peter Hewitt (Chairman)	Alderman Alison Gowman
Henry Colthurst (Deputy Chairman)	Andrew McMurtrie
Elizabeth Corrado (Co-Opted Member)	Laura Tumbridge (Co-Opted Member)

Officers:

Philippa Sewell	-	Town Clerk's Department
Kate Limna	-	Chamberlain's Department
Karen McHugh	-	Comptroller & City Solicitors
David Farnsworth	-	City Bridge Trust
Karen Atkinson	-	Chamberlain's Department
Martin Hall	-	City Bridge Trust
Liz Skelcher	-	Economic Development Office
Russ Bubley	-	I-for-change (Social Investment Analyst)

In Attendance:

Charlie Pushman	-	Social Finance
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1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Nicholas Bensted-Smith, Wendy Hyde, Jeremy Mayhew, and Tim Haywood.

The Chairman welcomed Karen Atkinson, Head of Charity & Social Investment Finance, and Charlie Pushman from Social Finance, to the meeting.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 12 July 2016 be agreed as a correct record.

Members noted that the paper regarding risk appetite would be presented at the Board's next meeting in December, and asked for the diagram illustrating the Board's position on the spectrum of social investment opportunities be included in the Members' handbook.

4. **PROGRESS REPORT**

The Chief Grants Officer introduced a progress report on social investment activity within the Corporation.

Social Impact Measurement

Members noted the method for measuring the social impact of the Fund and discussed the Deputy Chairman's proposal to combine social impact with financial return on the same, weighted, model. Members agreed that any measurement needed to reflect changes over the course of the investment, but noted that the fiduciary duty of the Board to invest for financial return and to achieve a financial return of not less than 2% on individual investments and 2.7% across the portfolio as a whole would be the first consideration of any investment opportunity. It was recognised that it was easier to measure impact for financial returns than to measure social impact. The Chairman acknowledged the creative tension between measuring social impact and measuring financial return and that there had to be separate measurement for each factor. He and the Deputy Chairman undertook to liaise with officers regarding the methods for measuring social impact and financial return.

Handbook and Membership

Members noted the updates made to the handbook regarding risk, and the Town Clerk advised that the Board's terms of reference and terms of both full and co-opted Members would be reviewed at the next meeting in December with any changes being recommended for approval by the Investment Committee at their next meeting in January.

Stepping Stones

Members noted that the current round of the Stepping Stones programme (a collaboration between City Bridge Trust and UBS to develop the social investment pipeline) was well subscribed, with a total of 77 applications received.

RESOLVED – That the Chairman and Deputy Chairman work with officers regarding the method for measuring social impact and financial return.

5. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD**

There were no questions.

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There was no other business.

7. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

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8. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**
RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2016 be agreed as a correct record.
9. **INVESTMENT REVIEW**
The Board considered a joint report of the Chamberlain and the Chief Grants Officer.
10. **PORTFOLIO UPDATE**
The Board considered a report of the Chief Grants Officer.
11. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD**
There was one question.
12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE BOARD AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**
There was one item of other business.

The meeting closed at 1.00 pm

Chairman

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