

<b>Committee(s)</b> Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School	<b>Dated:</b> 27 November 2017
<b>Subject:</b> Data Protection/General Data Protection Regulation Update	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> The Headmaster	<b>For Information</b>

### **Summary**

The law concerning Data Protection is changing from next May, following the introduction of the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which will be implemented in the UK through a new Data Protection Act. The Data Protection Bill for this was released in mid September 2017.

The change in legislation will result in additional requirements in terms of how, where and why we process personal data, including fundraising data.

### **Recommendation(s)**

- Members are asked to note the report.

### **Main Report**

#### **Background**

1. In 2016 the European General Data Protection Regulation changes were announced, with an implementation date of 25 May 2018. Since the announcement, Freeman's has been monitoring information updates regarding the GDPR and preparing for the changes.

#### **Current Position**

1. The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) issued draft guidance on consent (published in March 2017) and were anticipating issuing further updates over the summer and autumn of 2017. This guidance is now due to be finalised at the end of 2017. The EU guidance is also delayed.

The UK Data Protection Bill was announced in September 2017. This will not replace or contradict the GDPR but is expected to bring it into UK law at the same start date (25 May 2018).

There is currently no date expected for any specific guidance on legitimate interests - an issue of great relevance to independent schools and development teams in particular.

The Independent Schools Bursar's Association (ISBA) has produced a series of model policies on GDPR ahead of finalised guidance. Freeman's is working through these now with a view to updating our policies and procedures in relation to Data Protection 2018.

## **Options**

2. There are no options associated with this legislation.

## **Proposals**

3. That we continue to prepare for the implementation on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

## **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

4. The Corporation's Information Officer is holding briefing meetings during November for all Corporation staff. Freeman's staff are attending these briefings.

## **Implications**

5. Staff at Freeman's are receiving updates as these become available and all staff will undertake further Data Protection training as soon as the finalised guidance is received.

## **Conclusion**

6. This report is to keep Governors updated of progress towards the implementation of the new Data Protection legislation which comes into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Regular updates will follow.

## **Appendices**

7. None

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