RTPI GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Wednesday 20 January 2021

Item 03 - GA Debate: Proposed Changes to the Constitution: Topics for the Breakout Session

To assist the discussion the Board is particularly looking for the view of the GA on the topics set out below. This does not of course preclude the GA from commenting on any other matters in the report.

1. The Charity Commission's Governance Code recommends that a Board for a larger charity should be no larger than 12 Trustees for an effective board. The proposed changes to the By-laws propose a Board with a maximum size of 13 trustees. Given that the RTPI is a democratic member organisation is this justifiable? (Recommendation 1 Para 3.3)
2. Do you agree with the proposed changes to the eligibility and selection criteria set out in Table 1? (Recommendation 2 para. 3.5) including the proposition that there should be a Trustee for the Nations and a Trustee for the English Regions.
3. Do you agree with the proposed changes to the terms of office set out in para 3.6, in particular, that the Chair of the Board should only have one term of 3 years in the interests of good governance?
4. The Board is proposing that the GA reverts to its original purpose as set out in section 5. Do you agree with the recommendations as set out in Para 5.6?
5. Are there any other proposals in section 5, including representation by GA members on the standing committees that you wish to comment on?

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Chair of the Board of Trustees.