

Board Matters

This is the report from September and November 2020 Board meetings.

Strategic Items

Performance and finance – In addition to reviewing the regular finance and performance reports for the period ending October 2020, the Board continued to review the budgetary implications for the financial year ahead in the context of Covid-19.

.UK Price Review – At the September meeting the Board approved a recommendation to maintain the wholesale price of .UK domains at its current pricing of £3.90. This decision was reached following discussions at two Board meetings, during which views and feedback were sought from Board members, particularly the elected Non-Executive Directors.

Technology Transformation Programme – Adam Leach, CIO, reported to the Board on a planned programme of investment designed to future proof the company's infrastructure.

Cyber Security – David Carroll, NTX MD, and Ramesh Natarajan, VP of Engineering, presented to the Board a progress update for the PDNS service.

Public Benefit – Chris Ashworth, Head of Public Benefit, presented an update on the company's public benefit activities over the course of the past twelve months. Details were provided of planned future initiatives including the production of an annual benchmarking report focusing on the key areas of young people and digital technology.

Voting Rights – the Board received updates on the steps being taken to improve the processes relating to the calculation of member voting rights.

Membership Engagement – Leanne Kenny, Membership Engagement Lead, reported to the Board on how the member engagement programme has had to adapt to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Elected Non-Executive Directors reported on the thoughts and views of those members who had contacted them with feedback in advance of the meeting.

Governance Items

AGM – Nominet's Annual General Meeting took place virtually on Tuesday 22nd September 2020, a recording is available on our Vimeo channel.

Non-Executive Director Elections 2020 – Phil Buckingham was elected to the Board by the members for a term of three years. The Board thanked Kelly Salter for her service during the three years she was with the company.

Quarterly Member Meeting – at the November meeting the Chair and CEO reported to the Board on the themes and discussions raised by Members during the first quarterly meeting held on the 13th October 2020.

Nominet US Inc. – the Board approved improvements to the corporate structuring arrangements for the US based subsidiary.



Board Composition – Russell Haworth, CEO, was formally re-appointed as an Executive Director to the Nominet UK Board for a three-year term.

Committee updates – In September and November, the Board received updates from recent Remuneration Committee, Audit & Governance Committee, and M&A Committee meetings.