



## Board Report

This is the report from the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 Board meeting. The Board also participated in a Strategy Day meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

### Board matters

Declarations of interest: in relation to the business of the meeting, Ashley La Bolle declared an ongoing interest in Registry Services Provisions matters which may arise in performance updates from the executive team. Phil Buckingham declared an interest in relation to the Non-Executive Director elections which required him to recuse himself from discussions of it. Kieren McCarthy declared an interest relating to the Member Code of Conduct matter which required him to recuse himself from discussions of it.

The minutes from the Board meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were approved.

### Operational Items

**CEO Report** – Paul Fletcher (CEO) reported to the Board on key operational matters facing the organisation.

**Performance and Finance** – Carolyn Bedford (CFO) presented the regular finance and performance reports for the period ending in February 2023.

**Budget FY24** – the Board approved the organisation's FY24 operating budget.

### Strategic Items

**Enterprise Platform Renewal (formerly TTP)** – Oliver Tweedie (CTO) provided a progress update on the Enterprise Platform Renewal programme and outlined the areas of priority moving forward.

**NCSC tailored threat briefing** – Representatives from the NCSC attended the meeting to brief the Board on cyber threats facing the communications sector.

**Security update** – Paul Lewis (CISO) delivered an update on the progress of the Security Uplift Programme.

**Cyber** – the Board reviewed a series of overseas protective DNS (PDNS) opportunities presented by David Carroll (MD of Cyber). The Executive were authorised to pursue the opportunities further.

**Strategy Day** – the Board had a series of in-depth discussions regarding matters of strategic importance to the company including registry strategy; the company's constitutional documents and governance framework; and the initial findings of a review into how the company can best define and communicate its contribution as a public benefit company.

## Governance Items

**Group Subsidiaries** – following the disposal of CyGlass Inc in 2022, the Board approved a recommendation to consolidate the corporate group by commencing the dissolution process for both Nominet UK Holding Co Limited and Nominet US Holding Co Inc.

**Constitutional documents** – the Board agreed a series of baseline changes to the Articles of Association should be put forward for consultation with the membership. The changes are focused on reflecting modern practice as well as simplifying the language. Further details will be published soon.

**NED Elections** – the Board discussed issues arising during the 2022 NED elections and the importance of cultivating a positive and welcoming campaign environment for all concerned in the 2023 elections and beyond.

**Board committees** – the Remuneration Committee met on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March to discuss end of year performance against FY23 objectives.

The Code of Conduct Committee met on the 8<sup>th</sup> March and considered the issues contained in complaints received during the 2022 NED election period. The Committee's decision will be published in the Member Hub in due course.

**Next Meeting** – the next scheduled meeting of the Board is the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.

## New & Cancelled Memberships

For the period 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 to 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 the following applicants were admitted as new members of Nominet UK:

ACCOUNT NAME
Creative Digital Life Limited
George McCormick
Global Digital Express Ltd
Host Dada Ltd
Janua Hortorum Limited
Pedmore Computer Services Limited
Synergetic Digital Marketing Ltd
The Bank Agency Ltd
Get Visible Ltd
Intouch Communications Ltd
Mohammed Eyahia
No One Internet Ltd
Pavel Buyeu

The following memberships have been deleted during the reporting period:

ACCOUNT NAME
Conversion Marketing Ltd
Calico Internet Ltd
Freecom Internet Services Ltd
Tok 11716387 Ltd
Kandekore Ltd
Net Direct Ltd
Paul Thewlis
Searchlight Digital Ltd
Musiqware Ltd
EcoBright IT & Facilities Services Limited
Foredia Limited

## Membership Engagement Opportunities

### Member Engagement events update

Date	Event
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Members' Call with CEO
27 <sup>th</sup> February	GiveHub Panel meeting
28 <sup>th</sup> March	GiveHub Panel meeting
29 <sup>th</sup> March	UK Registry Advisory Council meeting
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Registry Event
11 <sup>th</sup> April	Members' Call with CEO
<b>Upcoming events</b>	
25 <sup>th</sup> April	GiveHub Panel meeting
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Regional CEO Lunch – Leeds
25 <sup>th</sup> May	GiveHub Panel meeting
May - TBC	UK Registry Advisory Council meeting
25 <sup>th</sup> May - TBC	Members' Call with CEO
27 <sup>th</sup> June 5 <sup>th</sup> December 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Provisional dates for regional engagement events: Manchester South West TBC Midlands TBC

## Member GiveHub update

The GiveHub panel have approved the following applications:

Access Migrant Support (£3500), proposed by Cloud Artisans. Access helps people from migrant communities navigate the complexities of settlement in the UK and exercise their rights and responsibilities. The donation will help them connect with their hardest to reach users in rural migrant and refugee communities, care homes and even prisons. The new technology will include a new online booking system that will greatly assist those users with mobility issues or who are unable to attend in person.

The Association of Visitors to Immigration Detainees (£3500), proposed by Cloud Artisans. AVID provides a platform and source of infrastructure support for visitor groups to places of detention in the UK. The donation will be used to develop digital infrastructure, their website and online resources and systematically document the realities of detention through a monitoring database.

Wandsworth Older People's Forum (c£1900), proposed by Twentytwenty Media Ltd. The aim of Wandsworth Older People's Forum is "making older voices heard", giving older people an active voice in stating their needs and views on local and national issues. The funds will be used to improve digital access to the organisers of the Forum by purchasing a laptop and video conferencing equipment that will make it possible to hold regular accessible meetings over the internet.

People Know How (£10,000), proposed by CRegISP Ltd. Based in Edinburgh and East Lothian, People Know How work with people and communities to develop innovative strategies to address social problems caused by digital exclusion. The donation will help to provide better and more affordable access to digital devices and data packages alongside additional supporting services.