

**Scottish Information Commissioner**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Senior Management Team Meeting**  
**23 February 2022 – by video conference**

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Present: Scottish Information Commissioner - Daren Fitzhenry (DF) (Chair),  
 Head of Corporate Services - Helen Gardner-Swift (HGS),  
 Head of Enforcement - Margaret Keyse (MK),  
 Head of Policy & Information - Erin Gray (EMG),  
 Finance and Administration Manager – Kim Berry (KB)  
 Finance and Administration Manager - Liz Brown (LB) (Minutes)

Apologies:

Details	Action By	Target Completion Date	Publish Yes / No	Comments
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**1. Minutes, action points update and matters outstanding**

<p><b>1.1 Review of minutes – 03/02/2022</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The minutes were approved and will be published with the relevant papers, subject to KB checking that the relevant changes have been made to the Operational Plan monitoring report</li> </ul> <p><b>1.2 Action points update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No action points outstanding</li> </ul> <p><b>1.3 Matters outstanding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No matters outstanding</li> </ul>			Yes	
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**2. Key Documents – outstanding, due and not completed**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates were noted and the following areas were discussed:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Covid-19 and Internal Communications documents have been reviewed and may no</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			Partial	Report published with the exception of comments column –
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<p>longer be required – a committee report will be submitted to the SMT in due course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The review of self-assessment toolkits will be delayed and undertaken as an operational plan project in 2022-23</li> <li>○ The review of the Strategic Plan 2020-24 review will take place in Q1 2022-23 following the re-opening of the office premises</li> <li>○ SMT agreed that the document should be published with the exception of the column that sets out the additional comments</li> </ul>				Exemptions s30(b)(ii) and s38(1)(b)
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### 3. Quality Assurance – Investigations

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SMT note the issues raised in the Committee Report (CR) and agreed the recommendations, whilst noting that the application approval process already includes a degree of quality assurance</li> <li>• The SMT agreed the amendment to the Governance Reporting Arrangements (GRA) which HGS will update</li> <li>• The SMT agreed the publication recommendation</li> </ul>	HGS	23/03/22	Yes	CR published in full
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### 4. Internal Audit – Governance and Risk Management Arrangements

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SMT noted the CR and agreed the recommendations.</li> <li>• The publication recommendations were agreed</li> </ul>			Partial	CR published in full  Internal Audit Report withheld s30(b)(ii)
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### 5. Key document ad hoc review – Interventions Procedures

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SMT noted the CR and approved the changes to the Intervention Procedures</li> <li>• The publication recommendations were agreed</li> </ul>			Partial	CR published in full  Interventions: our approach and procedures withheld – Exemption s27(1)
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## 6. New key document – Communications and Engagement Framework

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SMT approved the Scottish Information Commissioner's Communications and Engagement Framework 2021-24 but acknowledged that the formatting of the document needs to be reviewed to improve accessibility</li> <li>The SMT agreed this new document supersedes the Scottish Information Commissioner's Communication Strategy 2016 – 2020</li> <li>The publication recommendations were agreed</li> </ul>			Partial	<p>CR published in full</p> <p>Communications and Engagement Framework 2021-24 withheld – Exemptions s27(1)</p>
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## 7. Review of Key Documents – Recruitment and Selection Policy and Procedures

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SMT approved the:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recruitment and Selection Policy</li> <li>Recruitment and Selection Procedures</li> <li>key document actions</li> </ul> </li> <li>The SMT agreed that the CR- Recruitment template should be set up as a new template in our document management system</li> <li>The publication recommendations were agreed</li> </ul>			Partial	<p>CR published in full</p> <p>Recruitment and Selection Policy and Procedures withheld – Exemption s27(1)</p>
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## 8. Review of Temporary Closure of Office Premises

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SMT agreed that the temporary closure of the office premises continue until the anticipated gradual re-opening week beginning 12/04/2022</li> <li>This re-opening of the office premises will be subject to the required work on the relevant risk assessments and consultation with staff being carried out</li> </ul>			N/A	
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## 9. Operational Risk Register 2021-22

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Operational Risk Register 2021-22 (ORR) was reviewed and updates agreed</li> <li>HGS will update the ORR following the review</li> </ul>	HGS	23/03/21	No	<p>Operational Risk Register withheld – Exemptions s30(b)(ii), s30(c) and s39(1)</p>
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### 10. Strategic Risk Register 2021-22

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Strategic Risk Register 2021-22 (SRR) was reviewed and updates agreed</li> <li>HGS will update the SRR following the review</li> </ul>	HGS	23/03/21	No	Strategic Risk Register withheld – Exemptions s30(b)(ii), s30(c) and s39(1)
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### 11. AOB

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A discussion took place around the images used on the new Phase 1 website</li> </ul>			N/A	
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**Date:**