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NOTES

Board call 26 January 2023 10.00 – 10.45 Via Teams

Present:

Robert Wilson (RW)	Chair
Malath Abbas (MA)	Board Member
Yahya Barry (YB)	Board Member
David Brew (DB)	Board Member
Stephanie Fraser (SF)	Board Member
Philip Long (PL)	Board Member
Carol Main (CM)	Board Member
Elizabeth Partyka (EP)	Board Member
David Strachan (DS)	Board Member

Apologies:

Duncan Cockburn (DC)	Board Member
Sarah Munro (SM)	Board Member

In Attendance:

Iain Munro (IM)	Chief Executive
Anne Langley (AL)	Executive Director, Operations
Ian Stevenson (IS)	Director, Finance
Patrick Brown (PB)	F&GP Committee Member
Lyndon Jones (LJ)	Notes

1.	Chief Executive Update
1.1	<u>2022/23 Budget</u> Two months of the current financial year left to run, with ongoing discussions with SG to confirm elements of the current year funding in Youth Arts and Culture Collective. Elements of the in-year programme of Youth Arts have continued, such as plans for the 20 th anniversary celebrations.

	<p>A conclusion had been reached on the Screen budget position. ScSc had continued to process the pipeline of production funds to ensure that all could proceed once agreement had been reached.</p>
1.2	<p>For the delivery of future budgets, there is an ambition to ensure that programme level expenditure is approved and in place to ensure confidence in opening any funding programmes.</p> <p><u>2023/24 Budget - CEEAC Committee, Scottish Parliament</u></p> <p>The use of National Lottery reserves approved at the Board meeting on 19th December has helped stabilise RFO's. The CEEAC appearance provided an opportunity to express concerns about the SG budget reduction, and describe the potential impacts and heightened risks now arising. The Board welcomed the evidence given, including by others in the Committee session such as SCAN.</p>
1.3	<p>As previously noted, CS has an escalation process in place to highlight the financial issues of organisations, which is shared with SG. CS will also be undertaking a survey of RFO's to understand the latest financial position, which will help build the overall picture.</p>
1.4	<p><u>Public Sector Reforms</u></p> <p>SG is beginning the process of exploring public sector reform across the public bodies landscape. Like all public bodies, CS is required to submit information to SG as part of this work and the Board will be kept informed as further information becomes available about SG next steps.</p>
	<p><u>PCS Strike – 1 February</u></p> <p>CS staff who are PCS members are expected to take part in planned strike action on 1 February.</p>
2.	Date of next meeting
	<p>Thursday 16 February 10.00 – 13.00 WG Board Room.</p>

Following the meeting, 10.45 - 11.45, the Audit & Risk Committee met with other Board members to discuss and agreed the revised Risk Framework which will have further follow up at the next Audit & Risk Committee in March.

