

THE BRITISH TRUST FOR ORNITHOLOGY

79th Annual General Meeting Agenda



1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes

To approve the minutes of the 78th Annual General Meeting held on 9 December 2017. Copies are available online at www.bto.org/about-bto/accounts or on request to the Director of Finance and Services.

3. Annual Report & Accounts

To receive the 84th Annual Report and Accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2018.

Prof Gill will introduce the Trustees' Report and Mr Packer will introduce the Accounts.

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4. Elections

The terms of office of the following expire this year:

Prof S Bearhop

Ms F M Hurst

Mrs J Spencer

In line with the recommendations of the Governance Review, the Board proposes that the number of Board members be reduced from 13 to 12.

No replacement candidate is therefore proposed for Prof Bearhop.

During 2018 Ms Hurst was appointed as Chair of the new Governance Committee and Mrs Spencer was appointed as Chair of the new Finance and Risk Committee.

The Board would like to retain the services of Ms Hurst and Mrs Spencer in these roles to embed the new governance arrangements, and therefore proposes that they be re-appointed as Board members for one further four year term, ending 2022.

5. Appointment of Auditors

During 2018 the Board conducted a retendering exercise for the Trust's auditors. Messrs Lovewell Blake having been in office for 11 years, it was decided to appoint a new firm as a matter of good practice.

As required by s519 Companies Act 2006 Lovewell Blake have confirmed that in connection with their ceasing to hold office there are no circumstances which they consider should be brought to the attention of the members or creditors of the company.

The Board therefore propose that Ensors Chartered Accountants be appointed as auditors of the Trust.

6. Any Other Business.

The Honorary Secretary requests notice of any business to be raised under this item by 4:30pm on the day of the meeting.

After the formal business of the meeting has concluded, Officers and senior staff will be available to answer any questions that have not arisen during the formal business.

Biographies of Board members may be viewed on the Governance and Accounts page of the BTO web site www.bto.org/about-bto/accounts.