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discussed information relating to the extra staff resource for the Commission predominantly consequential to the Elections Bill. The Board also discussed matters relating to on-going work to develop the new Political Finance Online platform. It was noted that a review of our IT infrastructure should be planned alongside the lifetime of the Corporate Plan so going forward, we would be able to identify pressure points, as we start to rely heavily on our IT for day to day business. The Board noted that the Audit and Risk Committee Chair, would be working closely with the Executive Team, in order to provide assurance to the Board on continued work with scoping out procuring IT services. Resolved: That the Board agreed to delegate finalisation of the CP2 budgets, including for 2022/23 to the Accounting Officer in consultation with the Chair and where relevant, the Remuneration and Human Resources Committee (RemCo) Chair (subject to total changes to each budget line). Resolved: That the Board agreed finalisation of the Estimate, in line with the budget set and delegated to the Accounting Officer. Policy priorities of the Commission (EC 84/22) The Chair advised that due to time pressures on the agenda, this item would be deferred to the next meeting. Action: To include on the agenda for the February Board. Action owner: Board Secretary Chief Executive's update (EC 85/22) The Chief Executive introduced the report providing an update on operations and matters arising since the last Board meeting. The Board noted updates on the Elections Bill which Director, Regulation provided and a strategic approach to guide our future citizenship education work provided by Director, Communications, Policy and Research. The Board discussed the Elections Bill proposed Strategy Policy Statement with further discussions to be had ahead of the Lord's briefing. Resolved: That the Board noted the report along with additional updates. Deep dive strategic discussion: approach to political finance (EC 86/22) The Board received a presentation on Regulation, from Director, Regulation joined by the Head of Monitoring and Enforcement, Head of Registration and Reporting, Head of Regulatory support and the Registration Manager. The presentation covered the following areas: • Strategic approach, constraints and choices • Our place in the regulatory environment • Delivering outcomes in practice • Where do we go from here? The Board discussed how resources were allocated to deliver the agreed strategic approach for regulatory work. The Board also discussed the way the political finance regime was based on self-reporting by political parties of declared donations and spending, and the importance of transparency for scrutiny of this. The Board thanked the Director, Regulation and the team for work done, focussing on continued diligence, open and transparent work.