

Minutes

The British Museum Board Extraordinary Meeting 11 May 2020

Held by video and phone link

Present

Sir Richard Lambert
Chairman
Professor Dame Mary Beard
The Hon Nigel Boardman
Ms Cheryl Carolus
Ms Clarissa Farr
Professor Chris Gosden
Ms Muriel Gray
Mr Philipp Hildebrand
Dame Vivian Hunt
Sir Charlie Mayfield
Mr Gavin Patterson
Mr Mark Pears
Sir Paul Ruddock
Lord Sassoon
Dame Minouche Shafik
Lord Turner
Mr George Weston
Professor Sarah Worthington

In Attendance

Hartwig Fischer
Director
Jonathan Williams
Deputy Director
Christopher Yates
Deputy Director
Jane Whittaker
Director of Resources
Mark Bates
Governance & Planning Manager

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 The Chairman welcomed Mary Beard to the Board.
- 1.2 Apologies had been received from Elizabeth Corley, Patricia Cumper, Deryck Maughan, Paul Nurse and Grayson Perry.

2. Declaration of Interests

- 2.1 No interests were declared.

For discussion

3. COVID-19 update

- 3.1 The management team provided a comprehensive briefing on the steps being taken to manage the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Museum's operations and finances. This was followed by a discussion of the short- and medium-term issues that may have to be addressed.
- 3.2 There was no other business.

_____Chairman

Date of next meeting: 2 July 2020, 15.00-17.30