

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
ROYAL SOCIETY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH  
HELD AT 3:00PM ON THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2023  
By video conference**

**On the panel:** Dr Jonathan Pearson-Stuttard - Chair of Council, RSPH  
Mr William Roberts – Chief Executive, RSPH  
Mr Parthy Parthipan – Director of Finance & Corporate Resources, RSPH  
Ms Janice Constable – Director of Membership & Educational Services, RSPH

**In Attendance via Zoom:** 69 members. A full list of attendees is available on request.

**1. Welcome and Introduction**

Dr Pearson-Stuttard welcomed everyone and advised that the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of minutes.

**2. AGM Lecture**

Dr Pearson-Stuttard introduced our new Vice President, Professor Bola Owolabi, Director of the National Healthcare Inequalities Improvement Programme, NHS England, who gave the 2023 AGM lecture 'Health Inequalities: strategy into action'.

**3. To confirm the minutes of the Society's Annual General Meeting held on 18 October 2022**

Dr Pearson-Stuttard asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the 18 October 2022. None were raised and the minutes were accepted as an accurate representation of that meeting.

**4. Chair's Report**

Mr Roberts gave an overview of the work undertaken in the last year. We have increased our membership to 5,891 and we are pleased to see 14 different countries being represented at today's meeting. Our journal downloads have continued to grow and are now at 1.77 million. We are one of the largest educational providers in the UK of public health training. 28,686 learners have taken our qualifications this year and 8,330 digital learners have been trained. We held a successful members' open day where we met with members from a diverse range of backgrounds and sectors. At the heart of our strategy, which we launched earlier this year are three areas. Firstly, tackling inequalities to help people to live healthy, prosperous lives. Secondly, we want to support a strong and vibrant public health workforce with our range of training and qualifications. Finally, the shift towards public health being everybody's responsibility. Governments, public sector organisations and businesses all have a role to play if we are going to be a prosperous and health nation over the coming years.

Mr Roberts thanked Dr Pearson-Stuttard and the Trustees for their support during his first year as Chief Executive and also thanked the staff team who work tirelessly to ensure that we offer and deliver great services for our members and the public.

**5. To receive the Audited Accounts of the Society for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, the Trustees' Report, and the Auditors' Report on those Accounts.**

Dr Pearson-Stuttard handed over to Mr Parthipan to present the audited accounts.

Mr Parthipan stated that the accounts have been prepared in accordance with UK GAAP including FRS 102 and with the requirements of Charities Act 2011.

Audit on these accounts have been completed and we have got a clean audit report without any outstanding issues. Audit was carried out by our Auditors Moore Kingston Smith. RSPH Council has approved these accounts at its meeting on 15 June 2023

Mr Parthipan highlighted the main points on the report:

### **Income & Expenditure**

- Total income for the year is £3.14 million, which is nearly 11% higher than previous year income of £2.84 million.
- Total expenditure for the year is £3 million which is 3.3% more than the previous year expenditure of £2.9 million.
- 88% of our total income came from Charitable activities which is 9.4% more than the previous year income.
- Staff costs for 2022 were up by 5% to £1.59 million from £1.52million on 2021. Average number of employees was increased from 33 to 35 during 2021.
- The support costs for the year were £954k, compared to £965k in the previous year.
- Net income before investment losses was £146,568 compared to the net expenditure of £65,842 in 2021.

### **Investment/Valuation losses**

- The value of our freehold property has dropped by £850,000 to £5.75 million in December 2022. As we rent out part of the building, for accounting purposes, the value is split between fixed assets and investment property.
- Our investment portfolio value at 31 Dec 2022 was also dropped to £5.2 million compared to £5.9 million in the previous year.

### **Net expenditure**

- Due to the loss in valuation of the building and investment portfolio, we are reporting Net expenditure after investment gain/losses for the year was £1.75 million compared the net expenditure of £316,594 in the previous year.

### **Net assets**

- Our net asset position at the end of the year was reduced to £11.49 million compared to £13.25 million in the previous year.

The Annual Reports and accounts were unanimously approved.

## **6. Re-appointment of Auditors**

Mr Parthipan proposed that we re-appoint Moore Kingston Smith to continue as our auditors. This was unanimously approved by the meeting.

## **7. Appointments to RSPH Council**

Dr Pearson-Stuttard welcomed the Trustees that have joined the Council over the last year:

- Jeremy Benson
- Dr Beccy Cooper
- Malcolm Groat
- Meir Hakkak

- Professor Nick Harding OBE
- Professor Rachel Isba
- Halima Khan
- Nilam Prinjha
- Charlotte Wood
- Liz Wynn

## **8. 2023 RSPH Honorary Fellowship and Special Awards**

Dr Pearson-Stuttard was pleased to award Honorary Fellowships and Special awards to the following recipients:

Honorary Fellowships:  
Professor Carol Tannahill  
Deborah Arnott  
Graham Rushbrook  
Dr Nigel Carter OBE

Special awards:  
Dame Rachel De Souza  
Lord Victor Adebawale CBE

## **9. To transact any other ordinary business of The Society**

There was no other business to discuss. Dr Pearson-Stuttard thanked the attendees for their support and closed the meeting.