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Dear [REDACTED]

The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association SC018153

I write to advise you that we have now considered all information received from RSPBA. Please bring this to the attention of all charity trustees.

We wrote to charity trustees about concerns received whereby a recent renovation to RSPBA premises had not been conducted with openness and transparency. There were also concerns surrounding the charity not seeking value for money when tendering an architect. Initially, OSCR sought clarification on how the charity dealt with the recent rebuild of a charity building, and specifically how the charity trustees sought value for money when making financial decisions.

OSCR has reviewed the requested information provided by the charity and determined that, charity trustees have demonstrated decisions were made in the best interests of the charity. However, I recommend that the charity review the recent media interest and promote an enhanced level of transparency in all decisions made. A charity's reputation is one its most valuable assets and the public have the right to expect the highest standard of governance and have confidence in any charity that they come into contact with. As you are already aware, any reputational damage can cause significantly harm to the future of the charity. Transparency, is particularly useful when the charity is faced with decisions relating to procurement as it helps to understand and assess potential risks for robustness.

To assist RSPBA trustees, I recommend that RSPBA trustees take the opportunity to review OSCR's publication *Guidance and Good Practice for Charity Trustees*.

I would also encourage RSPBA to consider signing up for the OSCR Reporter. This will keep you informed of the latest developments, news, consultations and forthcoming events. Some of the events include our series of 'meet the regulator' seminars which provide opportunities for charity representatives to meet us and hear about trustee responsibilities under charity law and ask questions about how this affects their area of work. You can sign up for the OSCR reporter via this link. <https://www.oscr.org.uk/newsletter/>

In conclusion we have determined there is no further action for us to take at this time and we are closing our file.

Thank you for your assistance in these matters.

Regards

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