

At the last Board Meeting you passed a motion to delegate decision making on changes to the Bill in Parliament, to two Trustees and two Officers. Their decision will be final and not subject to approval by you afterwards, as the Board of Trustees as a whole.

I was concerned that you might have inadvertently handed over decision making powers to the CEO and Governance Change Officer.

If decisions were to be made by some kind of vote, two Officers and one Trustee could outvote the other Trustee.

This would be contrary to the principle of Trustees being in control that applies to every other decision you make.

Officers do not vote when decisions are made at Board meetings, nor do they vote in formally established Committees.

Fortunately, the arrangement as to how the two Trustees and two Officers will arrive at decisions has not yet been clarified.

Would it not be better if the delegated power to make decisions was simply given to the two Trustees.

It would then only require both of them to be in agreement for a decision to be made.

Officers would still be present to be consulted, but they would have no say in the decision making process.

I am just asking you to make sure that you are absolutely clear who has the final say in decision making at the Committee stage of the Bill.