**Minute of the Decision Taken at the Meeting of the**

**Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE) Board of Trustees**

**To Consider the Reprogramming of the Edinburgh Biomes Programme**

**on Friday 29 January 2021 at 1530**

**via Microsoft Teams**

**Present:** Mr Dominic Fry Chair of Trustees

Mr Raoul Curtis-Machin Trustee

Prof Beverley Glover Trustee

Dr David Hamilton Trustee

Dr Ian Jardine Trustee and Chair of the Audit Committee

Prof Thomas Meagher Trustee and Chair of the Science Advisory Committee

Ms Diana Murray Trustee

Prof Ian Wall Trustee and Chair of the Investment Committee

**In Attendance:** Mr Simon Milne Regius Keeper

Mr Ian Brown Head of Finance

Ms Kari Coghill Director of Enterprise and Communication

Mr John Dunn PMP

Ms Joanne Hannah Director of Resources and Planning

Prof Pete Hollingsworth Director of Science and Deputy Keeper

Ms Emma Lacroix Director of Development

Mr Kevin Reid Director of Horticulture and Learning

| **NO** | **ITEMS** | **ACTION** |
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| **1.0** | **Apologies**  There were no apologies received. |  |
| **2.0** | **Introduction**  The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked the Regius Keeper, Dr Hamilton, Prof Wall and Mr Dunn for their assistance in the preparation of the paperwork (‘Proposal for the Reprogramming Edinburgh Biomes’ and ‘Options Analysis’). Two options were presented for the Trustees’ consideration:   * **Option 1**   Phase 1 (years 1-5/6) complete all components except the construction of Glasshouse ‘0’ and Phase 2 (years 5-7) complete Glasshouse ‘0’.   * **Option 2**   Phase 1 (years 1-5/6) commence work on Glasshouse ‘0’ and complete other components (except refurbishment of Front Range, construction of the Horticulture Support Building, Under-croft and North Wall Stores) and Phase 2 (years 5-7) complete the Front Range, construction of the Horticulture Support Building, Under-croft and North Wall Stores. |  |
| **3.0** | **Decision**  Following discussion on the opportunities and drawbacks of the two options, the majority of Trustees agreed with Option 1 (8 for Option 1 and 1 for Option 2) which required the postponement of the construction of Glasshouse “0” to years 6 and 7 with all other components being completed in years 1 to 5/6. This decision met the Trustee’s responsibilities in relation to the Scottish Government funding and their ongoing duty of care to protect the Living Collection and restore the estate.  **ACTION:** The Regius Keeper would take forward the Trustees’ decision to support Option 1. | **Regius Keeper** |

**Jennifer Martin**

PA to the Regius Keeper

1 February 2021

**ANNEX 1**

**Summary of Actions**

| **NO** | **ITEMS** | **ACTION** |
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| **3.0** | **Decision**  **ACTION:** The Regius Keeper would take forward the Trustees’ decision to support Option 1. | **Regius Keeper** |