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Report from the Chairman

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Lead Director			
Purpose of the paper	The report provides an update on activity and engagement involving the Council of Governors since the previous report provided for the Board in November 2018.		
Key control			
Action required	To note		
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Analysis

1. Governor Elections

Governor elections in Bradford West concluded on Monday 3 December. There were a total of seven foundation trust members standing which is the highest number of candidates the Trust has fielded for an individual governor vacancy. Following the election we have sadly, said goodbye to Ms Ruby Hussain, who has served in the role for the last year. I am though pleased to confirm that Mr Alan Edmonds is our newly elected Governor for Bradford West. I met with Alan in December 2018 to personally welcome him to the Trust. His induction programme is now underway. Alan's election statement has been added at Appendix 1.

The next call for nominations will take at the beginning of February 2019 for four of our Governor seats where terms of office are due to end on 31 March 2019. Once the schedule has been finalised this will be published.

2. Nominations and Remuneration Committee Membership

Following the call for nominations from the Council of Governors for a Governor to join the Governors Nominations and Remuneration Committee (REC); I am pleased to report that Mr David Wilmshurst, Vice-Chair of the Council of Governors, has been appointed as the new member of the NRC.

3. Chair and Non-Executive Director Appointments.

The Governors Nominations and Remuneration Committee is now leading the recruitment process to appoint two new Non-Executive Directors. Following the receipt of my resignation as Chair of BTHFT the NRC is now also undertaking a search for a new BTHFT Chair. The information regarding the search for the two Non-Executive Directors and the Chair will be published on 7 January 2019 on a specially developed micro-site. The link to the micro-site will be shared with the Board of Directors and the Council of Governors on that date.

4. Review of the Performance of the Council of Governors

Governors will, during the week of 7 January 2019, be asked to complete a short self-assessment on the performance of the Council of Governors during the last year. I will provide feedback on the outcomes of the self-assessment at the Council of Governors meeting on 17 January 2019.

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5. Quarterly meeting with the Vice-Chair and the Lead Governor

My last quarterly session with the Vice-Chair of the Council of Governors and Lead Governor will take place on Friday 11 January 2019 from 2pm to 3pm. Dr Trevor Higgins, Deputy Chairman will be joining us. As with previous sessions, an open invitation has been extended to all Governors to attend.

6. Joint sessions with the Non-Executive Directors

As a reminder the next joint closed session between the Non-Executive Directors and the Governors will take place on Thursday 17 January 2019 from 2.15pm to 3.15pm. This session will be followed by the Council of Governors meeting from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

Recommendation

The Board of Directors is asked to note the report.