

Synopsis of Council meeting – held on Teams 28th October 2020

Note: this was an additional Council meeting, to consider key topics.

Scuba magazine

Council received a paper that considered options for 2021 and beyond. This was discussed and we will be able to carry on with a digital copy and bimonthly hard copies in 2021. Work will continue in 2021 to explore longer-term options for both printed and enhanced digital platforms.

Financial

The results for the 3rd quarter are better than expected, largely because of the high % of existing members who have renewed. Unfortunately, we are still well below the original budget, though actions have been taken to reduce costs.

Scenario planning

Budgets and plans for 2021 and beyond need to take into account the level of uncertainty around the economy and the impact of Covid. The meeting considered a paper that outlined how membership had been impacted in the last recession and related this to external economic forecasts and ongoing Covid restrictions. The meeting agreed a scenario that would be used as the basis for the 2021 budget. It was emphasised that there is a high level of uncertainty, and Council agreed to keep this under continual review.

Strategy

An additional meeting is planned for the following week to review the Strategy consultation plan.