



Brigade Executive Summary Spring 2025

As the Trustees of the charity, the Brigade Executive has responsibility for setting the strategic objectives for The Boys' Brigade, for monitoring the delivery of the Strategic Plan and in ensuring there is good governance arrangements in place to comply with statutory obligations.

The Brigade Executive meets regularly throughout the year and is supported by a range of sub-committees to assist in the implementation of strategy, including Regional Committees.

There are currently thirteen members of the Brigade Executive and the composition is as follows:

- three elected members from England & Wales Regional Committee (one of whom must be under 26)
- three elected members from Scotland Regional Committee (one of whom must be under 26)
- one elected member from Republic of Ireland Region
- three Office Bearers (Chaplain, Treasurer and one Vice-President)
- three co-opted members (currently Co-Chair, Chair of Governance Committee and a member of the Finance Committee)

For further information and background on the current Trustees are please go to boys-brigade.org.uk/our-trustees

The Trustees are all volunteers and have a responsibility to act in the best interests of the charity. Trustees play an important part in the life of the organisation supported by the Chief Executive and members of the staff team, and are accountable to the membership through meetings of Brigade Council.

The intention is to provide leaders with a regular summary of the topics being considered by trustees to enhance transparency and insight into the role the Trustees play on behalf of the wider membership.

Since the beginning of the year the Brigade Executive has met on three occasions and considered the following:

- Oversight of the annual workplan and progress in delivery of the DCMS targets
- Presentations relating to Programme & Young Leaders
- Reports from the Chief Executive, Christian Faith Group & Governance Committee
- Reviewed the financial position at 31st December 2024 and the projected position at 31st March year end.
- Approved the budget for the 2025/26 financial year (projecting a small surplus of £5k)
- Approved the Capitation Fee Proposal and nominations for Office Bearers for the 2025/26 session
- Agreed terms of reference for the new Investments Sub-Committee

- Approved a change in BB Supplies Fulfilment Provider to take effect from July
- A motion from West Lothian Battalion in respect to the provision of King's Badge Record Books

The Trustees have also considered a number of matters relating to compliance and risk management, including safer recruitment processes, training requirements for volunteers and the impact of the Disclosure Act in Scotland and changes to the PVG scheme. Further information will be shared with leaders in the coming weeks as progress is made with implementation.

We hope you have found this summary useful and insightful and on behalf of the Brigade Executive, thank you for all you do to support young people to have the opportunity to experience life to the full.

Best wishes

Martin Fair
Co-Chair of Brigade Executive

Jonathan Eales
Chief Executive