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## **Registers of Scotland**

### **Board Meeting**

**09 June 2026**

#### **Draft of Annual Report and Accounts 2025-26**

##### **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this paper is to ask Board members to discuss feedback provided on the initial draft of the Annual Report 2025-26.
2. Please note that as the opportunity to provide detailed feedback on the version circulated on 16 April has already taken place, this will be an opportunity to generally discuss the report and suggest possible additional updates as opposed to significant changes.

##### **Recommendation**

3. Board members are invited to provide any feedback on the initial draft of the Annual Report which they feel needs further discussion. For example, their thoughts on the proposed narrative, anything that looks inaccurate / could be misleading and any content they feel needs to be checked or changed.
4. Board members are asked to offer final feedback during the meeting on 09 June. Communications colleagues will attend the meeting and take note of any updates needing made to the draft following the meeting.

##### **Background**

5. A first draft of the Annual Report was emailed to the Accountable Officer & Director of Policy and Corporate Services and the Keeper on 03 April for initial comments. EMT, Audit and Risk Committee members and Non-Executive Directors were provided with an updated version to review on 16 April. The latest version attached takes into account all feedback agreed for action to date. The draft report is attached at Annex A and a spreadsheet of feedback at Annex B.
6. Some of the more significant updates since the last ARA draft that Board members may wish to review / offer comment on are:
  - Pg 4 - foreword
  - Pg 8 - suggested narrative
  - Pg 19 and 45 - risk sections
  - Pg 39 - Task Force Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) compliance statement

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### **Annual Report and Accounts 2025-26**

7. The purpose of the Annual Report is to give an overview of how RoS has performed over the financial year 2025-26. It includes key business activities and financial performance – both positive and not so positive (i.e. not just business highlights).

8. Where data, numbers and content are still being worked on by colleagues, the relevant text is highlighted or has a comment attached to it in the draft. These sections are being updated as soon as possible.

### **Impact on Risks, Benefits or Cost**

9. N/A – statutory publication

### **Conclusion**

10. Board members are asked to note the recommendations in this paper and deadline date.

11. An updated and designed version of the Annual Report will be shared with Board members out of committee for any final (ideally minor at that stage) comments in July 2026 prior to sign off in September 2026 once the full audited accounts and Independent Auditor's report are finalised.

Annex A – Latest ARA draft

Annex B – Excel spreadsheet of feedback / action log

**Communications Manager**

**Customer and Business Development**

**26 May 2026**

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