**Example board objectives**

As well as overall board roles and responsibilities, a number of boards find it helpful to set and monitor a set of performance objectives for the board as a whole for the year. This is usually a standing item at the end of a board meeting agenda which a chair will quickly run through to tick off either issues which have been discussed as part of the meeting agenda, or any updates outside of the agenda.

It can be a useful tool in ensuring that key issues don’t get lost, and can inform an annual board effectiveness review. It can include standing items which you would expect a board to be reviewing regularly (eg. progress against strategy), as well as any specific issues to address during that year (eg. reviewing the Articles).

Below is an example.

*The objectives of the Board of THE ORGANISATION for the year 20xx-20xx*

1. Approve the annual budget by xx date.
2. Review progress against the current strategy at each Board meeting, amending as appropriate.
3. Contribute to the new strategy which is to be agreed by xx date.
4. Conduct rigourous monitoring of the organisation’s performance and financial health.
5. Approve the audited accounts by xx date.
6. Contribute to the review of the Articles of Association and other governance policies due for completion by xx date.
7. Each board member to visit one of the charity’s sites at least once per year.
8. Review progress of these objectives at each Board meeting, amending, removing and adding as appropriate.