

Public meeting

Southampton



29 February 2016

Solent Conference Centre, Sir James Matthews Building, 157-187 Above Bar Street,
Southampton, SO14 7NN

Website: www.solent.ac.uk/conference-centre

- 10.45 Registration**
- 11.00 Welcome and overview of the Charity Commission's activities**
William Shawcross, Chairman
An opportunity to hear from the chairman of the commission with an update on the commission's work, reflections on the recent charity controversies and our plans for the coming months – with a chance to ask questions.
- 11.20 Tackling abuse and mismanagement: lessons learnt from our casework**
Neil Robertson, Head of Caseworking
The session explains how we tackle abuse and mismanagement in our compliance casework using case examples and lessons learnt. Managing a charity well will always be at the forefront of a trustee's mind, but sometimes things can go wrong. This session will focus particularly on practical ideas to ensure that trustees discharge their duties properly.
- 11.55 Digital by default**
Paula Sussex, Chief Executive
Paula will set out the commission's digital future which will cover how simple transactions between charities and the commission will be automated; how the public, charities and funders will be able to access more information, and how we plan for charities to each have a dedicated page, making it easier to see your own history of transactions.
- 12.30 Project updates from the commission**
Commission staff will provide updates on new and future projects that are underway.
- 12.45 Lunch**
- 13.30 Charity fundraising - key principles for trustees**
Nick Mott, Head of Policy Development, Guidance and Review
In December, the commission launched a consultation on an updated version of its guidance 'Charities and fundraising' identifying 6 key principles to help trustees fulfil their responsibilities for their charity's fundraising. Hear what this means for small charities and feed-back your thoughts as part of the consultation.
- 14.00 Securing the future of charity regulation**
Jane Hobson, Head of Policy
A discussion session which will explore the value of charity regulation and the implications of charities paying to secure its future
- 14.45 Questions, summary and close**
- 15.00 Meeting close**