The University Court is asked to

1. NOTE the report of the Board of Trustees (verbal)
2. NOTE the changes to the University Charter, Statutes and Ordinances
   a. NOTE that there have been no changes made in relation to Court
   b. NOTE that Ordinance 11 brings together information in relation to Alumni, and Ordinance 12 brings together information in relation to the Students’ Union.
3. NOTE that the audited statement of accounts is presented at item 7, paper CRT/21-22/004

In accordance with the Statutes, the Board of Trustees “present a report of its proceedings during the preceding academic year, including a report on any changes to the Charter, Statutes and Ordinances that, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, relate directly to Court, the Alumni Association and/or the Students’ Union”

During 2020/21 the University undertook a comprehensive review of the University’s Constitution to ensure it was ‘fit for purpose’ going forward and a more accessible suite of governing instruments. At its meetings on 5 February and 26th March 2021 the Board of Trustees approved the new Charter, Statutes and Ordinances. Subsequently on the 23 June 2021, at the Court at Buckingham Palace, by order of the Queen in Council, Her Majesty allowed the amendments to the Charter of the University of Bristol. Also, on the 23 June 2021, the Privy Council approved the revised Statutes of the University of Bristol. The new governing instruments took effect from the 1st August 2021.

There are no changes to the Charter and Statutes in relation to Court. As these provisions had been reviewed relatively recently, it was not felt necessary to change these further. You will notice that they have been re-numbered only.

A new Ordinance 11 combines information in relation to Alumni, previously held in three Statutes. There are no substantive changes, and the re-drafting was in consultation with the Alumni Association.

A new Ordinance 12 combines information in relation to the Students’ Union, previously held in both Statute and Ordinance. The re-drafting was in consultation with the Student’s Union, and focusses on the key responsibilities of the Union and the University, as prescribed in the Education Act.

Supporting Information

The Chair of Board will present a verbal report of proceedings.