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1 Articles of Association of Phoenix House

The Company's name is

Phoenix House

(and in this document it is called the **charity**).

2 Interpretation

In the articles:

address means a postal address or, for the purposes of electronic communication, a fax number, an e-mail or postal address or a telephone number for receiving text messages in each case registered with the charity;

the **articles** means the charity's articles of association;

the board means the board appointed in accordance with these articles and "board member" or "member of the board" shall mean a member of the board;

the **charity** means the company intended to be regulated by the articles;

clear days in relation to the period of a notice means a period excluding:

- the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given; and
- the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect;

the **Commission** means the Charity Commission for England and Wales;

Companies Acts means the Companies Acts (as defined in section 2 of the Companies Act 2006) insofar as they apply to the charity;

the **directors** means the directors of the charity. The directors are charity trustees as defined by section 97 of the Charities Act 1993;

document includes, unless otherwise specified, any document sent or supplied in electronic form;

electronic form has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Companies Act 2006;

group member shall mean the charity and any subsidiary of the charity;

the **memorandum** means the charity's memorandum of association;

officers includes the directors and the secretary (if any);

the **seal** means the common seal of the charity if it has one;

secretary means any person appointed to perform the duties of the secretary of the charity;

social housing means as defined in s68 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008;

- **subsidiary** means 'subsidiary undertaking' as defined in section 1162 of the Act;

the **United Kingdom** means Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and

words importing one gender shall include all genders, and the singular includes the plural and vice versa.

Unless the context otherwise requires words or expressions contained in the articles have the same meaning as in the Companies Acts but excluding any statutory modification not in force when this constitution becomes binding on the charity.

Apart from the exception mentioned in the previous paragraph a reference to an Act of Parliament includes any statutory modification or re-enactment of it for the time being in force.

3 Liability of members

The liability of the members is limited to a sum not exceeding £1, being the amount that each member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charity in the event of its being wound up while he, she or it is a member or within one year after he, she or it ceases to be a member, for:

(1) payment of the charity's debts and liabilities incurred before he, she or it ceases to be a member;

(2) payment of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up; and

(3) adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

4 Objects

The charity's objects (**Objects**) are specifically restricted to the following:

4.1 the treatment and care of those suffering from dependence upon or addiction to or misuse of drugs and or alcohol;

4.2 the rehabilitation of those relieved from dependence upon or addiction to or misuse of drugs and or alcohol;

4.3 the advancement of education of persons working or concerned in the field of drugs and or alcohol dependence or abuse;

4.4 the treatment, care and recovery of persons suffering from psychological or physical infirmity or an addictive lifestyle, including but not limited to persons who have addictions or mental health problems relating to gambling, smoking, drugs, alcohol or food or who by adverse circumstances or ill health are in need of help, counselling, or guidance in acquiring a settled way of life so that they may develop full maturity as responsible individuals and members of society; and

4.5 the care, resettlement and provision of support and advice to offenders, ex-offenders and those who might offend so that they can be rehabilitated, live independently,

develop positive personal relationships and contribute to their families and communities; and

4.6 to relieve the needs of persons, including but not limited to families and communities, arising out of their relationship with persons having the issues set out in the preceding objects, including the provision of and continued development of services and advice related to social housing, other housing, community engagement, education, employment, family and care support.

4.7 Nothing in the articles shall authorise an application of the property of the charity for purposes which are not charitable in accordance with section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.

5 Powers

The charity has power to do anything which is calculated to further its Objects or is conducive or incidental to doing so. In particular, the charity has power:

(1) to provide training and accommodation;

(2) to raise funds. In doing so, the charity must not undertake any taxable permanent trading activity and must comply with any relevant statutory regulations;

(3) to buy, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any property and to maintain and equip it for use;

(4) to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the property belonging to the charity. In exercising this power, the charity must comply as appropriate with sections 117-123 of the Charities Act 2011;

(5) to borrow money and to charge the whole or any part of the property belonging to the charity as security for repayment of the money borrowed or as security for a grant or the discharge of an obligation. The charity must comply as appropriate with sections 124-126 of the Charities Act 2011;

(6) to co-operate with other charities, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities and to exchange information and advice with them;

(7) to establish or support any charitable trusts, associations or institutions formed for any of the charitable purposes included in the Objects;

(8) to acquire, merge with or to enter into any partnership or joint venture arrangement with any other charity;

(9) to purchase or otherwise acquire or to promote or in any way support the establishment of a subsidiary or associate company for the purpose of raising funds for the charity;

(10) to set aside income as a reserve against future expenditure in accordance with a written policy about reserves;

(11) to employ and remunerate such staff as are necessary for carrying out the work of the charity. The charity may employ or remunerate a director only to the extent it is permitted to do so by article 7 and provided it complies with the conditions in that article;

(12) to:

(a) deposit or invest funds;

(b) employ a professional fund-manager; and

(c) arrange for the investments or other property of the charity to be held in the name of a nominee;

in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as the trustees of a trust are permitted to do by the Trustee Act 2000;

(13) to provide indemnity insurance for the directors in accordance with, and subject to the conditions in, section 189 of the Charities Act 2011;

(14) to pay out of the funds of the charity the costs of forming and registering the charity both as a company and as a charity.

(15) to work with families, carers, peer mentors and others affected by the issues set out in the Objects.

6 Application of income and property

(1) The income and property of the charity shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the Objects.

(2) (a) A director is entitled to be reimbursed from the income and property of the charity or may pay out of such income and property reasonable expenses properly incurred by him or her when acting on behalf of the charity.

(b) A director may benefit from trustee indemnity insurance cover purchased at the charity's expense in accordance with, and subject to the conditions in, section 189 of the Charities Act 2011.

(c) A director may receive an indemnity from the charity in the circumstances specified in article 57.

(d) A director may not receive any other benefit or payment unless it is authorised by article 7.

(3) Subject to article 7, none of the income or property of the charity may be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend bonus or otherwise by way of profit to any member of the charity. This does not prevent a member who is not also a director receiving:

(a) a benefit from the charity in the capacity of a beneficiary of the charity;

(b) reasonable and proper remuneration for any goods or services supplied to the charity.

7 Benefits and payments to charity directors and connected persons

(1) General provisions

No director or connected person may:

(a) buy any goods or services from the charity on terms preferential to those applicable to members of the public;

(b) sell goods, services, or any interest in land to the charity;

(c) be employed by, or receive any remuneration from, the charity;

(d) receive any other financial benefit from the charity;

unless the payment is permitted by sub-clause (2) of this article, or authorised by the court or the Charity Commission.

In this article a **financial benefit** means a benefit, direct or indirect, which is either money or has a monetary value.

Scope and powers permitting directors' or connected persons' benefits

(2) (a) A director or connected person may buy any goods or services from the charity on terms which are not preferential to those applicable to members of the public.

(b) A director or connected person may receive a benefit from the charity in the capacity of a beneficiary of the charity provided that a majority of the directors do not benefit in this way.

(c) A director or connected person may enter into a contract for the supply of services, or of goods that are supplied in connection with the provision of services, to the charity where that is permitted in accordance with, and subject to the conditions in, sections 185 and 186 of the Charities Act 2011.

(d) Subject to sub-clause (3) of this article a director or connected person may provide the charity with goods that are not supplied in connection with services provided to the charity by the director or connected person.

(e) A director or connected person may receive interest on money lent to the charity at a reasonable and proper rate which must not be more than the Bank of England base rate (also known as the base rate).

(f) A director or connected person may receive rent for premises let by the director or connected person to the charity. The amount of the rent and the other terms of the lease must be reasonable and proper. The director

concerned must withdraw from any meeting at which such a proposal or the rent or other terms of the lease are under discussion.

(g) A director or connected person may take part in the normal trading and fundraising activities of the charity on the same terms as members of the public.

Payment for supply of goods only – controls

(3) The charity and its directors may only rely upon the authority provided by sub-clause (2)(c) of this article if each of the following conditions is satisfied:

(a) The amount or maximum amount of the payment for the goods is set out in an agreement in writing between the charity or its directors (as the case may be) and the director or connected person supplying the goods ('the supplier') under which the supplier is to supply the goods in question to or on behalf of the charity.

(b) The amount or maximum amount of the payment for the goods does not exceed what is reasonable in the circumstances for the supply of the goods in question.

(c) The other directors are satisfied that it is in the best interests of the charity to contract with the supplier rather than with someone who is not a director or connected person. In reaching that decision the directors must balance the advantage of contracting with a director or connected person against the disadvantages of doing so.

(d) The supplier is absent from the part of any meeting at which there is discussion of the proposal to enter into a contract or arrangement with him or her or it with regard to the supply of goods to the charity.

(e) The supplier does not vote on any such matter and is not to be counted when calculating whether a quorum of directors is present at the meeting.

(f) The reason for their decision is recorded by the directors in the minute book.

(g) A majority of the directors then in office are not in receipt of remuneration or payments authorised by article 7.

(4) In sub-clauses (2) and (3) of this article:

(a) 'charity' includes any company in which the charity:

(i) holds more than 50% of the shares; or

(ii) controls more than 50% of the voting rights attached to the shares; or

(iii) has the right to appoint one or more directors to the board of the company.

(b) 'connected person' includes any person within the definition in article 61 'Interpretation'.

8 Declaration of directors' interests

A charity director must declare the nature and extent of any interest, direct or indirect, which he or she has in a proposed transaction or arrangement with the charity or in any transaction or arrangement entered into by the charity which has not previously been declared. A director must absent himself or herself from any discussions of the charity directors in which it is possible that a conflict will arise between his or her duty to act solely in the interests of the charity and any personal interest (including but not limited to any personal financial interest).

9 Conflicts of interests and conflicts of loyalties

(1) If a conflict of interests arises for a director because of a duty of loyalty owed to another organisation or person and the conflict is not authorised by virtue of any other provision in the articles, the unconflicted directors may authorise such a conflict of interests where the following conditions apply:

(a) the conflicted director is absent from the part of the meeting at which there is discussion of any arrangement or transaction affecting that other organisation or person;

(b) the conflicted director does not vote on any such matter and is not to be counted when considering whether a quorum of directors is present at the meeting; and

(c) the unconflicted directors consider it is in the interests of the charity to authorise the conflict of interests in the circumstances applying.

(2) In this article a conflict of interests arising because of a duty of loyalty owed to another organisation or person only refers to such a conflict which does not involve a direct or indirect benefit of any nature to a director or to a connected person.

(3) A director is not deemed to have a conflict under these articles and the Companies Act and, (notwithstanding his office), may be a director or other officer of, employed by, or otherwise interested in any group member and no further authorisation shall be necessary in respect of any such interest.

10 Members

(1) The subscribers to the memorandum, all the directors from time to time and such other persons as the board shall from time to time admit to membership in accordance with the provisions of these articles shall be the members of the charity.

(2) Membership is open to other individuals who:

(a) apply to the charity in the form required by the directors; and

(b) are approved by the directors.

(3) The directors shall have absolute and final discretion (without giving any reason) to accept or refuse any application for membership of the charity.

(4) Membership is not transferable.

(5) The directors must keep a register of names and addresses of the members.

11 Classes of membership

The charity shall have one class of members.

12 Termination of membership

Membership is terminated if:

(1) the member dies;

(2) the member resigns by written notice to the charity unless, after the resignation, there would be fewer than two members;

(3) any sum due from the member to the charity is not paid in full within six months of it falling due;

(4) the member is removed from membership by a resolution of the directors that it is in the best interests of the charity that his or her or its membership is terminated. A resolution to remove a member from membership may only be passed if:

(a) the member has been given at least twenty-one days' notice in writing of the meeting of the directors at which the resolution will be proposed and the reasons why it is to be proposed;

(b) the member has been allowed to make representations to the meeting.

(5) having been a director, the member ceases to be a director, unless otherwise agreed by the other directors.

13 General meetings

An annual general meeting must be held in each year and not more than fifteen months may elapse between successive annual general meetings.

14 Call general meetings

The directors may call a general meeting at any time.

15 Notice of general meetings

(1) The minimum periods of notice required to hold a general meeting of the charity are:

(a) twenty-one clear days for an annual general meeting;

(b) fourteen clear days for all other general meetings.

(2) A general meeting may be called by shorter notice if it is so agreed by a majority in number of members having a right to attend and vote at the meeting, being a majority who together hold not less than 90 percent of the total voting rights.

(3) The notice must specify the date time and place of the meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted. If the meeting is to be an annual general meeting, the notice must say so. The notice must also contain a statement setting out the right of members to appoint a proxy under section 324 of the Companies Act 2006 and article 22.

(4) The notice must be given to all the members and to the directors and auditors.

16 Non-receipt of notice

The proceedings at a meeting shall not be invalidated because a person who was entitled to receive notice of the meeting did not receive it because of an accidental omission by the charity.

17 Proceedings and quorum at general meetings

(1) No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present.

(2) Any member or other person entitled to participate may participate at general meetings by means of a telephone conference or similar communications equipment or other suitable electronic means whereby all persons participating in the meeting can hear and speak to each other.

(3) The form of general meetings (physical presence, telephone conference or similar communications equipment or other suitable electronic means) will be communicated to the members at the point of notification of the general meeting.

(4) Resolutions and decisions of the kind normally made or taken at a physical general meeting in accordance with these articles can accordingly be so made or taken even if no persons so participating are physically present with each other. Such a general meeting shall be deemed to take place where the largest group of those participating is assembled, or, if there is no such group, where the chair of the general meeting is (and it shall be deemed to be a meeting even if there is only one person physically present where it is deemed to take place). In determining whether the quorum requirements fixed by, or in accordance with, these articles are fulfilled, all persons participating in the meeting in accordance with these articles shall be counted in the quorum

(5) A quorum is one third of the members entitled to vote upon the business to be conducted at the meeting (or three such members, whichever is greater) and this quorum must be present in person or by proxy and; or

(6) The authorised representative of a member organisation shall be counted in the quorum.

18 Adjournment of and reconvening a general meeting

(1) If:

(a) a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting: or

(b) during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present;

the meeting shall be adjourned to such time and place as the directors shall determine.

(2) The directors must reconvene the meeting and must give at least seven clear days' notice of the reconvened meeting stating the date, time and place of the meeting.

(3) If no quorum is present at the reconvened meeting within fifteen minutes of the time specified for the start of the meeting the members present in person or by proxy at that time shall consist the quorum for that meeting.

19 Chair at general meeting

(1) General meetings shall be chaired by the person who has been appointed to chair meetings of the directors.

(2) If there is no such person or he or she is not present within fifteen minutes of the time appointed for the meeting a director nominated by the directors shall chair the meeting.

(3) If there is only one director present and willing to act, he or she shall chair the meeting.

(4) If no director is present and willing to chair the meeting within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding it, the members present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote must choose one of their number to chair the meeting.

20 Adjournment - members

(1) The members present in person or by proxy at a meeting may resolve by ordinary resolution that the meeting shall be adjourned.

(2) The person who is chairing the meeting must decide the date, time and place at which the meeting is to be reconvened unless those details are specified in the resolution.

(3) No business shall be conducted at a reconvened meeting unless it could properly have been conducted at the meeting had the adjournment not taken place.

(4) If a meeting is adjourned by a resolution of the members for more than seven days, at least seven clear days' notice shall be given of the reconvened meeting stating the date, time and place of the meeting.

21 Poll

(1) Any vote at a meeting shall be decided by a show of hands unless before, or on the declaration of the result of, the show of hands, a poll is demanded:

(a) by the person chairing the meeting; or

(b) by at least two members present in person or by proxy and having the right to vote at the meeting; or

(c) by a member or members present in person or by proxy representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at the meeting.

(2) (a) The declaration by the person who is chairing the meeting of the result of a vote shall be conclusive unless a poll is demanded.

(b) The result of the vote must be recorded in the minutes of the charity but the number or proportion of votes cast need not be recorded.

(3) (a) A demand for a poll may be withdrawn, before the poll is taken, but only with the consent of the person who is chairing the meeting.

(b) If the demand for a poll is withdrawn the demand shall not invalidate the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made.

(4) (a) A poll must be taken as the person who is chairing the meeting directs, who may appoint scrutineers (who need not be members) and who may fix a time and place for declaring the results of the poll.

(b) The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll is demanded.

(5) (a) A poll demanded on the election of a person to chair a meeting or on a question of adjournment must be taken immediately.

(b) A poll demanded on any other question must be taken either immediately or at such time and place as the person who is chairing the meeting directs.

(c) The poll must be taken within thirty days after it has been demanded.

(d) If the poll is not taken immediately at least seven clear days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place at which the poll is to be taken.

(e) If a poll is demanded the meeting may continue to deal with any other business that may be conducted at the meeting.

22 Proxy notices

(1) Proxies may only validly be appointed by a notice in writing (a **proxy notice**) which:

(a) states the name and address of the member appointing the proxy;

(b) identifies the person appointed to be that member's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed;

(c) is signed by or on behalf of the member appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the directors may determine; and

(d) is delivered to the charity in accordance with the articles and any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting to which they relate.

(2) The charity may require proxy notices to be delivered in a particular form, and may specify different forms for different purposes.

(3) Proxy notices may specify how the proxy appointed under them is to vote (or that the proxy is to abstain from voting) on one or more resolutions.

(4) Unless a proxy notice indicates otherwise, it must be treated as:

(a) allowing the person appointed under it as a proxy discretion as to how to vote on any ancillary or procedural resolutions put to the meeting; and

(b) appointing that person as a proxy in relation to any adjournment of the general meeting to which it relates as well as the meeting itself.

(5) A person who is entitled to attend, speak or vote (either on a show of hands or on a poll) at a general meeting remains so entitled in respect of that meeting or any adjournment of it, even though a valid proxy notice has been delivered to the charity by or on behalf of that person.

(6) An appointment under a proxy notice may be revoked by delivering to the charity a notice in writing given by or on behalf of the person by whom or on whose behalf the proxy notice was given.

(7) A notice revoking a proxy appointment only takes effect if it is delivered before the start of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates.

(8) If a proxy notice is not executed by the person appointing the proxy, it must be accompanied by written evidence of the authority of the person who executed it to execute it on the appointor's behalf.

23 Written resolutions

(1) A resolution in writing agreed by a simple majority (or in the case of a special resolution by a majority of not less than 75%) of the members who would have

been entitled to vote upon it had it been proposed at a general meeting shall be effective provided that:

(a) a copy of the proposed resolution has been sent to every eligible member;

(b) a simple majority (or in the case of a special resolution a majority of not less than 75%) of members has signified its agreement to the resolution; and

(c) it is contained in an authenticated document which has been received at the registered office within the period of 28 days beginning with the circulation date.

(2) A resolution in writing may comprise several copies to which one or more members have signified their agreement.

(3) In the case of a member that is an organisation, its authorised representative may signify its agreement.

24 Votes of members

Every member, whether an individual or an organisation, shall have one vote.

25 Objections to a voter

Any objection to the qualification of any voter must be raised at the meeting at which the vote is tendered and the decision of the person who is chairing the meeting shall be final.

26 Representation to vote

(1) Any organisation that is a member of the charity may nominate any person to act as its representative at any meeting of the charity.

(2) The organisation must give written notice to the charity of the name of its representative. The representative shall not be entitled to represent the organisation at any meeting unless the notice has been received by the charity. The representative may continue to represent the organisation until written notice to the contrary is received by the charity.

(3) Any notice given to the charity will be conclusive evidence that the representative is entitled to represent the organisation or that his or her authority has been revoked. The charity shall not be required to consider whether the representative has been properly appointed by the organisation.

27 Directors

(1) A director must be a natural person aged 16 years or older.

(2) No one may be appointed a director if he or she would be disqualified from acting under the provisions of article 39.

28 Number of directors

The number of directors shall not be less than five or more than fourteen.

29 Director and membership

A person appointed to be a director shall automatically become a member of the charity and such person shall automatically cease to be a member upon ceasing to be a director unless otherwise agreed by the other directors.

30 Alternate director

A director may not appoint an alternate director or anyone to act on his or her behalf at meetings of the directors.

31 Powers of directors

(1) The directors shall manage the business of the charity and may exercise all the powers of the charity unless they are subject to any restrictions imposed by the Companies Acts, the articles or any special resolution.

(2) No alteration of the articles or any special resolution shall have retrospective effect to invalidate any prior act of the directors.

(3) Any meeting of directors at which a quorum is present at the time the relevant decision is made may exercise all the powers exercisable by the directors.

(4) The directors from time to time may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body, provided always that in case the directors shall at any time be or reduced in number to less than the minimum number prescribed by or in accordance with these Articles, it shall be lawful for them to act as the Board of Directors for the purpose of admitting persons to membership of the Company, filling up vacancies in their body or of summoning a general meeting, but not for any other purposes.

32 Retirement of directors

Each director shall be appointed for a term of office of three years and shall retire from office at the end of the third Annual General Meeting following the Annual General Meeting at which they were appointed.

33 Re-appointment of a director

(1) A retiring director shall be eligible for re-appointment, subject to article 33(2).

(2) Any director who has completed six years' continuous service on the board of directors shall retire immediately, but may be eligible for re-appointment for a further three one year periods. At the expiry of nine years' continuous service on the board of directors, such a director shall retire immediately and shall not be eligible for reappointment for a period of at least three years.

(3) For the purposes of calculating continuous service under article 33(2) any period of appointment prior to appointment at an AGM under article 37(2) will be ignored.

34 Appointment of directors

The charity may by ordinary resolution appoint or re-appoint a person who is willing to act to be a director.

35 Appointment at a general meeting

No person other than a director retiring as set out in article 32 may be appointed a director at any general meeting unless:

(1) he or she is recommended for election by the directors; or

(2) not less than fourteen nor more than thirty-five clear days before the date of the meeting, the charity is given a notice that:

(a) is signed by a member entitled to vote at the meeting;

(b) states the member's intention to propose the appointment of a person as a director;

(c) contains the details that, if the person were to be appointed, the charity would have to file at Companies House; and

(d) is signed by the person who is to be proposed to show his or her willingness to be appointed.

36 Notice period to members to appoint a director

All members who are entitled to receive notice of a general meeting must be given not less than seven nor more than twenty-eight clear days' notice of any resolution to be put to the meeting to appoint a director other than a director who is to retire in accordance with article 32.

37 Directors' appointing a director

(1) The directors may appoint a person who is willing to act to be a director.

(2) A director appointed by a resolution of the other directors must retire at the next annual general meeting.

38 Maximum number of directors

The appointment of a director, whether by the charity in general meeting or by the other directors, must not cause the number of directors to exceed any number fixed as the maximum number of directors in accordance with article 28.

39 Disqualification and removal of directors

A director shall cease to hold office if he or she:

(1) retires from office pursuant to articles 32 or 37 (unless reappointed);

(2) ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision in the Companies Acts or is prohibited by law from being a director;

(3) is disqualified from acting as a trustee by virtue of sections 178 and 179 of the Charities Act 2011 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision);

(4) becomes incapable by reason of mental disorder, illness or injury of managing and administering his or her own affairs;

(5) resigns as a director by notice to the charity (but only if at least two directors will remain in office when the notice of resignation is to take effect); or

(6) is absent without the permission of the directors from all their meetings held within a period of six consecutive months and the directors resolve that his or her office be vacated.

40 Remuneration of directors

The directors must not be paid any remuneration unless it is authorised by article 7.

41 Proceedings of directors

(1) The directors may regulate their proceedings as they think fit, subject to the provisions of the articles.

(2) Any director may call a meeting of the directors.

(3) The secretary (if any) must call a meeting of the directors if requested to do so by a director.

(4) Questions arising at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes.

(5) In the case of an equality of votes, the person who is chairing the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

(6) Any director or other person entitled to participate may participate in a meeting of directors by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment or other suitable electronic means whereby all persons participating in the meeting can hear and speak to each other. Resolutions and decisions of the kind normally made or taken at a physical meeting of the directors in accordance with these articles can accordingly be so made or taken even if no persons so participating are physically present with each other. Such a meeting shall be deemed to take place where the largest group of those participating is assembled, or, if there is no such group, where the chair of the meeting is (and it shall be deemed to be a meeting even if there is only one

person physically present where it is deemed to take place). In determining whether the quorum requirements fixed by, or in accordance with, these articles are fulfilled, all directors participating in the meeting in accordance with these articles shall be counted in the quorum.

42 Quorum at directors' meetings

(1) No decision may be made by a meeting of the directors unless a quorum is present at the time the decision is purported to be made. 'Present' includes being present by suitable electronic means agreed by the directors in which a participant or participants may communicate with all the other participants.

(2) The quorum for meetings of the directors shall be one-third of the total number of directors from time to time (or three directors, whichever is the greater).

(3) A director shall not be counted in the quorum present when any decision is made about a matter upon which that director is not entitled to vote.

43 Business where there is no quorum

If the number of directors is less than the number fixed as the quorum, the continuing directors or director may act only for the purpose of filling vacancies or of calling a general meeting.

44 Chair at directors' meetings

(1) The directors shall appoint a director to chair their meetings and may at any time revoke such appointment.

(2) If no-one has been appointed to chair meetings of the directors or if the person appointed is unwilling to preside or is not present within ten minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, the directors present may appoint one of their number to chair that meeting.

(3) The person appointed to chair meetings of the directors shall have no functions or powers except those conferred by the articles or delegated to him or her by the directors or members of the charity.

45 Resolutions

A resolution in writing signed or approved by letter, fax or by electronic communication by or on behalf of three quarters of the Directors, for the time being, entitled to vote on the relevant resolution shall be as valid and effective as a resolution passed at a properly called and constituted meeting of the Board of Directors provided that a copy of the proposed resolution has been delivered in accordance with these Articles to all Directors. Such resolution when signed or approved may comprise more than one document in the same form, each signed or approved, by one or more Directors.

46 Delegation

(1) The directors may delegate any of their powers or functions to a committee of two or more directors, to any other group member or its board or to committees or employees of the charity or any other group member and such other person or persons as they may from time to time think fit but the terms of any delegation must be recorded in the minutes.

(2) The directors may impose conditions when delegating to such committee of the charity, including the conditions that:

(a) the relevant powers are to be exercised exclusively by the committee or person or persons to whom they delegate;

(b) no expenditure may be incurred on behalf of the charity except in accordance with a budget previously agreed with the directors.

(3) The board may make such regulations and impose such terms and conditions and give such mandates to any such committee or committees as it may from time to time think fit.

(4) The directors may revoke or alter a delegation.

(5) All acts and proceedings of any committees must be fully and promptly reported to the directors.

(6) For the avoidance of doubt the board may delegate all financial matters to any committee or committees of the charity and shall be empowered to resolve upon the operation of any bank account according to such mandate as it shall think fit from time to time whether or not requiring a signature of any director

47 Validity of directors' decisions

(1) Subject to article 47(2), all acts done by a meeting of directors, or of a committee of directors, shall be valid notwithstanding the participation in any vote of a director:

(a) who was disqualified from holding office;

(b) who had previously retired or who had been obliged by the constitution to vacate office;

(c) who was not entitled to vote on the matter, whether by reason of a conflict of interests or otherwise;

if without:

(d) the vote of that director; and

(e) that director being counted in the quorum;

the decision has been made by a majority of the directors at a quorate meeting.

(2) Article 47(1) does not permit a director or a connected person to keep any benefit that may be conferred upon him or her by a resolution of the directors or of a committee of directors if, but for article 47(1), the resolution would have been void, or if the director has not complied with article 8.

48 Seal

If the charity has a seal it must only be used by the authority of the directors or of a committee of directors authorised by the directors. The directors may determine who shall sign any instrument to which the seal is affixed and unless otherwise so determined it shall be signed by a director and by the secretary (if any) or by a second director.

49 Minutes

The directors must keep minutes of all:

(1) appointments of officers made by the directors;

(2) proceedings at meetings of the charity;

(3) meetings of the directors and committees of directors including:

(a) the names of the directors present at the meeting;

(b) the decisions made at the meetings; and

(c) where appropriate the reasons for the decisions.

50 Accounts

(1) The directors must prepare for each financial year accounts as required by the Companies Acts. The accounts must be prepared to show a true and fair view and follow accounting standards issued or adopted by the Accounting Standards Board or its successors and adhere to the recommendations of applicable Statements of Recommended Practice.

(2) The directors must keep accounting records as required by the Companies Acts.

51 Annual Report and Return and Register of Charities

(1) The directors must comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 1993 with regard to the:

(a) transmission of a copy of the statements of account to the Commission;

(b) preparation of an Annual Report and the transmission of a copy of it to the Commission;

(c) preparation of an Annual Return and its transmission to the Commission.

(2) The directors must notify the Commission promptly of any changes to the charity's entry on the Central Register of Charities

52 Means of communication to be used

(1) Subject to the articles, anything sent or supplied by or to the charity under the articles may be sent or supplied in any way in which the Companies Act 2006 provides for documents or information which are authorised or required by any provision of that Act to be sent or supplied by or to the charity.

(2) Subject to the articles, any notice or document to be sent or supplied to a director in connection with the taking of decisions by directors may also be sent or supplied by the means by which that director has asked to be sent or supplied with such notices or documents for the time being.

53 Format of notice

Any notice to be given to or by any person pursuant to the articles must be in writing or given in electronic form.

54 Giving of notice

(1) The charity may give any notice to a member either:

(a) personally; or

(b) by sending it by post in a prepaid envelope addressed to the member at his or her address; or

(c) by leaving it at the address of the member; or

(d) by giving it in electronic form to the member's address.

(e) by placing the notice on a website and providing the person with a notification in writing or in electronic form of the presence of the notice on the website. The notification must state that it concerns a notice of a company meeting and must specify the place date and time of the meeting.

(2) A member who does not register an address with the charity or who registers only a postal address that is not within the United Kingdom shall not be entitled to receive any notice from the charity.

55 Deemed receipt of notice

A member present in person at any meeting of the charity shall be deemed to have received notice of the meeting and of the purposes for which it was called.

56 Proof of delivery of notice

(1) Proof that an envelope containing a notice was properly addressed, prepaid and posted shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given.

(2) Proof that an electronic form of notice was given shall be conclusive where the company can demonstrate that it was properly addressed and sent, in accordance with section 1147 of the Companies Act 2006.

(3) In accordance with section 1147 of the Companies Act 2006 notice shall be deemed to be given:

(a) 48 hours after the envelope containing it was posted; or

(b) in the case of an electronic form of communication, 48 hours after it was sent.

57 Indemnity

(1) The charity may indemnify a relevant director against any liability incurred in successfully defending legal proceedings in that capacity, or in connection with any application in which relief is granted by the Court from liability for negligence, default, or breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the charity.

(2) In this article a 'relevant director' means any director or former director of the charity.

58 Rules

(1) The directors may from time to time make such reasonable and proper rules or byelaws as they may deem necessary or expedient for the proper conduct and management of the charity.

(2) The byelaws may regulate the following matters but are not restricted to them:

(a) the admission of members of the charity (including the admission of organisations to membership) and the rights and privileges of such members, and the entrance fees, subscriptions and other fees or payments to be made by members;

(b) the conduct of members of the charity in relation to one another, and to the charity's employees and volunteers;

(c) the setting aside of the whole or any part or parts of the charity's premises at any particular time or times or for any particular purpose or purposes;

(d) the procedure at general meetings and meetings of the directors insofar as such procedure is not regulated by the Companies Acts or by the articles;

(e) generally, all such matters as are commonly the subject matter of company rules.

(3) The charity in general meeting has the power to alter, add to or repeal the rules or byelaws.

(4) The directors must adopt such means as they think sufficient to bring the rules and byelaws to the notice of members of the charity.

(5) The rules or byelaws shall be binding on all members of the charity. No rule or byelaw shall be inconsistent with, or shall affect or repeal anything contained in, the articles.

59 Disputes

If a dispute arises between members of the charity about the validity or propriety of anything done by the members of the charity under these articles, and the dispute cannot be resolved by agreement, the parties to the dispute must first try in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation before resorting to litigation.

60 Dissolution

(1) The members of the charity may at any time before, and in expectation of, its dissolution resolve that any net assets of the charity after all its debts and liabilities have been paid, or provision has been made for them, shall on or before the dissolution of the charity be applied or transferred in any of the following ways:

(a) directly for the Objects; or

(b) by transfer to any charity or charities for purposes similar to the Objects; or

(c) to any charity or charities for use for particular purposes that fall within the Objects.

(2) Subject to any such resolution of the members of the charity, the directors of the charity may at any time before and in expectation of its dissolution resolve that any net assets of the charity after all its debts and liabilities have been paid, or provision made for them, shall on or before dissolution of the charity be applied or transferred:

(a) directly for the Objects; or

(b) by transfer to any charity or charities for purposes similar to the Objects; or

(c) to any charity or charities for use for particular purposes that fall within the Objects.

(3) In no circumstances shall the net assets of the charity be paid to or distributed among the members of the charity (except to a member that is itself a charity)

and if no resolution in accordance with article 60(1) is passed by the members or the directors the net assets of the charity shall be applied for charitable purposes as directed by the Court or the Commission.

(4) For such time as the charity is registered as a provider of social housing pursuant to Part 2 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008, the provisions of this article 60 are subject to section 167 of that Act.

61 Registered Office

The registered office of the charity shall be in England.

62 Interpretation

In article 7, sub-clause (2) of article 9 and sub-clause (2) of article 47, 'connected person' means:

(1) a child, parent, grandchild, grandparent, brother or sister of the director;

(2) the spouse or civil partner of the director or of any person falling within paragraph (1) above;

(3) a person carrying on business in partnership with the director or with any person falling within paragraph (1) or (2) above;

(4) an institution which is controlled:

(a) by the director or any connected person falling within paragraph (1), (2), or (3) above; or

(b) by two or more persons falling within sub-paragraph 4(a), when taken together

(5) a body corporate in which:

(a) the director or any connected person falling within paragraphs (1) to (3) has a substantial interest; or

(b) two or more persons falling within sub-paragraph (5)(a) who, when taken together, have a substantial interest.

(c) Sections 350 – 352 of the Charities Act 2011 apply for the purposes of interpreting the terms used in this article.