

COMPANIES ACT 2006
SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

Company number 02017214

Company name Lambeth Mind

On Tuesday 4 December 2012 the following special resolutions were agreed and passed by the members

- 1 That the Articles be amended in the form enclosed with the letter accompanying the notice of the Annual General Meeting on 4 December 2012 (copy attached)
2. That (upon the conclusion by the Company of an agreement with Southwark Mind to accept the transfer of the services for which Southwark Mind receives funding from the Southwark Primary Care Trust and the South London and Maudsley NHS Trust) the Company changes its name to Lambeth and Southwark Mind



Signed

GWILYM HARBOTTLE
DIRECTOR AND COMPANY SECRETARY



THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF LAMBETH MIND

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Articles of Association of

LAMBETH MIND

1 NAME OF COMPANY

- 1 1 The company's name is **LAMBETH MIND** (and in this document it is called the "charity")

2 INTERPRETATION

- 2 1 In the articles, unless the context otherwise requires

"**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,

"**benefit area**" means the London Borough of Lambeth and surrounding boroughs,

"**board**" means the board of trustees from time to time of the charity or the trustees present at a duly convened meeting of the trustees at which a quorum is present,

"**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

- (a) the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given, and
- (b) 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,

"**connected person**" means

- a) a child, parent, grandchild, grandparent, brother or sister of a trustee,
- b) the spouse or civil partner of a trustee or of any person falling within paragraph (a) above,
- c) a person carrying on business in partnership with a trustee or with any person falling within (a) or (b) above
- d) an institution which is controlled by either
 - 1 a trustee or any connected person falling within (a), (b), or (c) above,
 - or

- 11 two or more persons falling within (d)(i) above, when taken together, or

e) a body corporate in which

- 1. a trustee or any connected person falling within (a) to (c) has a substantial interest, or
- 11 two or more persons falling within (e)(i) above who, when taken together, have a substantial interest,

f) Sections 350-352 of the Charities Act 2011 apply for the purposes of interpreting the terms used in this definition

"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,

"the memorandum" means the charity's memorandum of association,

"member" means an individual or an organisation who is a member of the charity for the purposes of the Act, having been admitted to membership by the board in accordance with article [10],

"objects" means the objects of the charity as defined in article [41],

"officers" includes the trustees 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,

"trustee" means a trustee of the charity The trustees are charity trustees as defined by section 177 of the Charities Act 2011,

"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

The headings in the articles do not affect their interpretation or construction

3 CHARITY STATUS AND LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

3 1 The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and is established for the purposes and objects set out in the articles

3 2 The liability of each member is limited to £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

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

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

(c) adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves

4 OBJECTS

4 1 The objects ("**Objects**") for which the Charity is established are -

4 1 1 To promote the preservation and safeguarding of mental health and to assist in the relief and recovery of people experiencing mental health problems or conditions of mental or emotional distress requiring treatment, advice or support, primarily but not exclusively in the London Borough of Lambeth and surrounding boroughs, in association with Mind ("the National Association for Mental Health") and in accordance with the objects of Mind

provided that in furtherance of all or any of the objects the charity shall have power to promote any of the objects and to provide or assist charitable activities in areas and/or places outside the benefit area where it is of the opinion that to do so will benefit the inhabitants of the benefit area.

5 POWERS

5 1 The charity has power to do anything which is calculated to further its Object(s) or is conducive or incidental to doing so In particular the charity has power

5 1 1 to raise funds. In doing so, the charity must not undertake any taxable permanent trading activity and must comply with any relevant statutory regulations,

5 1 2 to buy, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any property and to maintain and equip it for use,

5 1 3 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 177 and 122 of the Charities Act 2011,

5 1 4 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, if it wishes to mortgage land,

5 1 5 to co-operate with other charities, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities and to exchange information and advice with them,

5 1 6 to establish or support any charitable trusts, associations or institutions formed for any of the charitable purposes included in the Objects,

5 1 7 to acquire, merge with or to enter into any partnership or joint venture arrangement with any other charity,

5 1 8 to set aside income as a reserve against future expenditure but only in accordance with a written policy about reserves,

5 1 9 to employ and remunerate such staff as are necessary for carrying out the work of the charity The charity may employ or remunerate a trustee only to the extent it is permitted to do so by article 7 and provided it complies with the conditions in that article,

5 1 10 to

(a) deposit or invest funds, and

(b) employ a professional fund-manager,

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,

5 1 11 to provide indemnity insurance for the trustees in accordance with, and subject to the conditions in, section 189 of the Charities Act 2011,

5 1 12 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, and

5 1 13 to do any other lawful thing in furtherance of the objects

6 APPLICATION OF INCOME AND PROPERTY

6 1 The income and property of the charity shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the Objects

6 2 A trustee is entitled to be reimbursed from the property of the charity or may pay out of such property reasonable expenses properly incurred by him or her when acting on behalf of the charity

6 3 A trustee 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

6 4 A trustee may receive an indemnity from the charity in the circumstances specified in article 33]

6 5 A trustee may not receive any other benefit or payment unless it is authorised by article 7

6 6 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 trustee 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 TRUSTEES AND CONNECTED PERSONS**

7 1 1 No trustee or connected person may

- (a) buy goods or services from the charity on terms preferential to those applicable to other 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, or
- (d) receive any other financial benefit from the charity,

unless the payment is permitted by sub-clause 7 2, or authorised by the court of the Charity Commission

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

7 2

7 2 1 A trustee 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 trustees do not benefit in this way

7 2 2 A trustee 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

7 2 3 Subject to article 7 3 of this article a trustee or connected person may provide the charity with goods that are not supplied in connection with services provided to the charity by the trustee or connected person

7 2 4 A trustee or connected person may receive interest on money lent to the charity at a reasonable and proper rate which must be not more than the Bank of England bank rate (also known as the base rate)

- 7 2 5 A trustee or connected person may receive rent for premises let by the trustee or connected person to the charity. The amount of the rent and other terms of the lease must be reasonable and proper. The trustee concerned must withdraw from any meeting at which such a proposal or the rent or other terms of the lease and other discussion.
- 7 2 6 A trustee 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.
- 7 3 The charity and its trustees may only rely upon the authority provided by sub-clause 7 2 3 if each of the following conditions is satisfied
- 7 3 1 The amount or maximum amount of the payment for the goods is set out in an agreement in writing between the charity or its trustees (as the case may be) and the trustee 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.
- 7 3 2 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.
- 7 3 3 The other trustees 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 trustee or connected person. In reaching that decision the trustees must balance the advantage of contracting with a trustee or connected person against the disadvantages of doing so.
- 7 3 4 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.
- 7 3 5 The supplier does not vote on any such matter and is not to be counted when calculating whether a quorum of trustees is present at the meeting.
- 7 3 6 The reason for their decision is recorded by the trustees in the minute book.
- 7 3 7 A majority of the trustees then in office are not in receipt of remuneration or payments authorised by article 7.
- 7 4
- 7 4 1 In sub-clauses 7 2-7.3 "**charity**" shall include any company in which the charity
- (a) holds more than 50 per cent of the shares, or
 - (b) controls more than 50 per cent of the voting rights attached to the share; or

- (c) has the right to appoint one or more directors to the board of the company

8 DECLARATION OF TRUSTEES' INTERESTS

- 8.1 A trustee 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 trustee must absent himself or herself from any discussions of the board 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

- 9.1 If a conflict of interests arises for a trustee 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 trustees may authorise such a conflict of interests where the following conditions apply.

- (a) the conflicted trustee 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 trustee does not vote on any such matter and is not to be counted when considering whether a quorum of trustees is present at the meeting, and
- (c) the unconflicted trustees consider it is in the interests of the charity to authorise the conflict of interests in the circumstances applying

- 9.2 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 trustee or to a connected person

10 MEMBERS

- 10.1 Membership is open to individuals or organisations who

- (a) apply to the charity in the form required by the board; and
- (b) are approved by the board.

- 10.2 The trustees may only refuse an application for membership if, acting reasonably and properly, they consider it to be in the best interests of the charity to refuse the application

- 10.3 The trustees must inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal within twenty-one days of the decision

- 10 4 The trustees must consider any written representations the applicant may make about the decision. The trustees' decision following any written representations must be notified to the applicant in writing but shall be final
- 10 5 The board may at its absolute discretion confer honorary membership of the charity upon such person as it thinks fit, such as an honorary medical adviser and an honorary legal adviser, who shall be entitled to attend board meetings
- 10 6 Membership is not transferable
- 10 7 The trustees must keep a register of names and addresses of the members

11 CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

- 11 1 The charity shall have the following classes of membership:
 - 11 1 1 Full members Full members shall be entitled to vote at meetings of the charity and shall, where possible, reasonably represent the composition of the community within the benefit area,
 - 11 1 2 Honorary members Honorary members shall have the right to attend and speak at meetings of the charity and the board but shall not be entitled to vote
- 11 2 The board may establish new classes of membership with different rights and obligations and shall record the rights and obligations in the register of members
- 11 3 Subject to article [11 4], the board may not directly or indirectly alter the rights or obligations attached to a class of membership
- 11 4 The rights attached to a class of membership may only be varied if
 - (a) three-quarters of the members of that class consent in writing to the variation, or
 - (b) a special resolution is passed at a separate general meeting of the members of that class agreeing to the variation
- 11 5 The provisions in the articles about general meetings shall apply to any meeting relating to the variation of the rights of any class of members

12 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- 12 1 Membership is terminated if
 - 12 1 1 the member dies or, if it is an organisation, ceases to exist,
 - 12 1 2 the member resigns by written notice to the charity unless, after the resignation, there would be less than four members,
 - 12 1 3 any sum due from the member to the charity is not paid in full within six months of it falling due,

12.1.4 the member has not responded to repeated (at least three) written requests to confirm his or her membership over a six month period; or

12.1.5 the member is removed from membership by a resolution of the board 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 board at which the resolution will be proposed and the reasons why it is to be proposed, and

(b) the member or, at the option of the member, the member's representative (who need not be a member of the charity) has been allowed to make representations to the meeting

13. GENERAL MEETINGS

13.1 An annual general meeting must be held in every calendar year and not more than eighteen months may elapse between successive annual general meetings

13.2 The board may call a general meeting at any time

14. NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

14.1 The minimum periods of notice required to hold a general meeting of the charity are

14.1.1 twenty-one clear days for an annual general meeting or a general meeting called for the passing of a special resolution, or

14.1.2 fourteen clear days for all other general meetings

14.2 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

14.3 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 16]

14.4 The notice shall be given to all the members, trustees and auditors

14.5 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

15 PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

15.1 Quorum

15.1.1 No business shall be transacted at a general meeting if the members present at the meeting do not constitute a quorum

15.1.2 A quorum is whichever is the greater of

- (a) 12 members present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote upon the business to be conducted at the meeting, or
- (b) one tenth of the total number of members registered in the register of members on the date on which notice of the meeting is given

15.1.3 The authorised representative of a member organisation shall be counted in the quorum

15.2 Adjournment

15.2.1 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 trustees shall determine

15.2.2 The trustees 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

15.2.3 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 constitute the quorum for that meeting

15.3 Chairing general meetings

15.3.1 General meetings shall be chaired by the person who has been appointed to chair meetings of the trustees

15.3.2 If there is no such person or he or she is not present within fifteen minutes of the time appointed for the meeting a trustee nominated by the board shall chair the meeting

15.3.3 If there is only one trustee present and willing to act, he or she shall chair the meeting

15.3.4 If no trustee 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

15 4 Adjournment by members

- 15 4 1 The members present in person or by proxy at a meeting may resolve by ordinary resolution that the meeting shall be adjourned
- 15 4 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
- 15 4 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
- 15 4 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

15 5 Voting

- 15 5 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
- 15 5 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
- 15 5 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
- 15 5 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

15 5 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

16 CONTENT OF PROXY NOTICES

16 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 board 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

16 2 The charity may require proxy notices to be delivered in a particular form, and may specify different forms for different purposes

16 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

16 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

17 DELIVERY OF PROXY NOTICES

- 17 1 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
- 17 2 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
- 17 3 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
- 17 4 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

18 WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS

- 18 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 per cent) 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 per cent) 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
- 18 2 A resolution in writing may comprise several copies to which one or more members have signified their agreement.
- 18 3 In the case of a member that is an organisation, its authorised representative may signify its agreement.

19 VOTES OF MEMBERS

- 19 1 Subject to article [11], every member, whether an individual or an organisation, shall have one vote
- 19 2 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

19.3 Representatives

- 19 3 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
- 19 3 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.
- 19 3 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.

20 TRUSTEES

- 20 1 A trustee must be a natural person aged 16 years or older.
- 20 2 No one may be appointed a trustee if he or she would be disqualified from acting under the provisions of article 23]
- 20 3 The number of trustees shall not be less than ten nor more than twenty (unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution).
- 20 4 A trustee may not appoint an alternate trustee or anyone to act on his or her behalf at meetings of the trustees.

21 POWERS OF TRUSTEES

- 21 1 The trustees 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.
- 21 2 No alteration of the articles or any special resolution shall have retrospective effect to invalidate any prior act of the trustees.
- 21 3 Any meeting of the board at which a quorum is present at the time the relevant decision is made may exercise all the powers exercisable by the trustees.

22 APPOINTMENT AND RETIREMENT OF TRUSTEES

- 22 1 The charity may by ordinary resolution or by a decision of the board appoint a person who is willing to act to be a trustee.
- 22 2 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 trustee.
- 22 3 A trustee appointed by a resolution of the board shall retain his office only until the next annual general meeting, but he shall then be eligible for re-election.

- 22 4 The appointment of a trustee, whether by the charity in general meeting or by the board, must not cause the number of trustees to exceed any number fixed as the maximum number of trustees
- 22 5 The board may appoint a chair, deputy chair, secretary, treasurer and such other officers as they may decide. The chair, deputy chair, secretary, treasurer shall be trustees of the charity
- 22 6 The trustees and officers of the charity shall retire from office at every annual general meeting and shall be eligible for re-appointment
- 22 7 Not less than 70% of the board shall be mental health service users, former users or survivors

23 DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL OF TRUSTEES

- 23 1 A trustee shall cease to hold office if he or she
- 23 1 1 ceases to be a trustee by virtue of any provision in the Companies Acts or is prohibited by law from being a trustee,
 - 23 1 2 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),
 - 23 1 3 ceases to be a member of the charity,
 - 23 1 4 becomes incapable by reason of mental disorder, illness or injury of managing and administering his or her own affairs,
 - 23 1 5 resigns as a trustee by notice to the charity (but only if at least two trustees will remain in office when the notice of resignation is to take effect), or
 - 23 1 6 is absent without the permission of the board from all their meetings held within a period of six consecutive months and the board resolves that his or her office be vacated

24 REMUNERATION OF TRUSTEES

- 24 1 The trustees must not be paid any remuneration unless it is authorised by article [7]

25 PROCEEDINGS OF TRUSTEES

25 1 Convening board meetings

- 25 1 1 The trustees may regulate their proceedings as they think fit, subject to the provisions of the articles.
- 25 1 2 Any trustee may call a meeting of the board
- 25 1 3 The secretary (if any) must call a meeting of the board if requested to do so by a trustee.

25 1 4 The board shall hold not fewer than four meetings in a year

25 2 Notice and agenda

25 2 1 The secretary shall send to each trustee notice of the board meeting not less than five days prior to the meeting, specifying the time and place of the meeting and the proposed agenda, including any business proposed by any two trustees of which notice has been received by the secretary.

25 2 2 No business which is not specified on the agenda shall be transacted at a board meeting except by consent of three-quarters of the trustees present at the meeting

25 3 Voting

25 3 1 Questions arising at a board meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes

25 3 2 In the case of an equality of votes, the person who is chairing the meeting shall have a second or casting vote

25 4 Quorum

25 4 1 No decision may be made by a meeting of the board unless a quorum is present at the time the decision is purported to be made.

25 4 2 The quorum shall be four or the number nearest to one-third of the total number of trustees, whichever is the greater, or such larger number as may be decided from time to time by the trustees

25 4 3 A trustee shall not be counted in the quorum present when any decision is made about a matter upon which that trustee is not entitled to vote

25 5 If the number of trustees is less than the number fixed as the quorum, the continuing trustees or trustee may act only for the purpose of filling vacancies or of calling a general meeting

25 6 Chairing trustee meetings

25 6 1 The board shall appoint a trustee to chair their meetings and may at any time revoke such appointment

25 6 2 If no-one has been appointed to chair meetings of the board or if the person appointed is unwilling to preside or is not present within ten minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, the trustees present may appoint one of their number to chair that meeting

25 6 3 The person appointed to chair meetings of the board shall have no functions or powers except those conferred by the articles or delegated to him or her by the board

25 7 Written resolutions

25 7 1 A resolution in writing or in electronic form agreed by a simple majority of all the trustees entitled to receive notice of a meeting of trustees and to vote upon the resolution shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the board duly convened and held.

25 7 2 The resolution in writing may comprise several documents containing the text of the resolution in like form to each of which one or more trustees has signified their agreement

26 DELEGATION

26.1 The trustees may delegate any of their powers or functions to a committee of two or more trustees but the terms of any delegation must be recorded in the minute book

26 2 The trustees may impose conditions when delegating, including the conditions that

26 2 1 the relevant powers are to be exercised exclusively by the committee to whom they delegate, and

26 2 2 no expenditure may be incurred on behalf of the charity except in accordance with a budget previously agreed with the board

26 3 The trustees may revoke or alter a delegation

26 4 All acts and proceedings of any committees must be fully and promptly reported to the trustees

27 VALIDITY OF TRUSTEES' DECISIONS

27 1 Subject to sub-clause 27 2, all acts done by a meeting of trustees, or of a committee of trustees, shall be valid notwithstanding the participation in any vote of a trustee

(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 trustee, and

(e) that trustee being counted in the quorum,

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

27 2 Sub-clause 27 1 does not permit a trustee or a connected person to keep any benefit that may be conferred upon him or her by a resolution of the board or of a committee

of trustees if, but for sub-clause 27 1, the resolution would have been void, or if the trustee has not complied with article [8]

28 SEAL

- 28 1 If the charity has a seal it must only be used by the authority of the board or of a committee of trustees authorised by the board. The board may determine who shall sign any instrument to which the seal is affixed and unless otherwise so determined it shall be signed by a trustee and by the secretary (if any) or by a second trustee.

29 MINUTES

- 29 1 The board or the company secretary (if any) must ensure that the Company keeps a record, in writing, for at least 10 years from the date of the decision, of all

29 1 1 appointments of officers made by the board,

29 1 2 proceedings at meetings of the charity,

29 1 3 meetings of the board including

- (a) the names of the trustees present at the meeting,
- (b) the decisions made at the meetings, and
- (c) where appropriate the reasons for the decisions

30 ACCOUNTS

- 30 1 The board 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

- 30 2 The board must keep accounting records as required by the Companies Acts

31 ANNUAL REPORT AND RETURN AND REGISTER OF CHARITIES

- 31 1 The board must comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 with regard to the

- (a) transmission of a copy of the statements of account to the Commission,
- (b) preparation of an Annual Report and its transmission to the Commission, and
- (c) preparation of an Annual Return and its transmission to the Commission

- 31 2 The board must notify the Commission promptly of any changes to the charity's entry on the Central Register of Charities

32 MEANS OF COMMUNICATION TO BE USED

- 32 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.
- 32 2 Subject to the articles, any notice or document to be sent or supplied to a trustee in connection with the taking of decisions by the board may also be sent or supplied by the means by which that trustee has asked to be sent or supplied with such notices or documents for the time being
- 32 3 Any notice to be given to or by any person pursuant to the articles
- 32 3 1 must be in writing, or
- 32 3 2 must be given in electronic form
- 32 4 The charity may give any notice to a member either
- 32 4 1 personally,
- 32 4 2 by sending it by post in a prepaid envelope addressed to the member at his or her address,
- 32 4 3 by leaving it at the address of the member,
- 32 4 4 by giving it in electronic form to the member's address, or
- 32 4 5 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
- 32 5 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.
- 32 6 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.
- 32 7 Proof that an envelope containing a notice was properly addressed, prepaid and posted shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given
- 32 8 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
- 32 9 In accordance with section 1147 of the Companies Act 2006 notice shall be deemed to be given
- 32 9 1 48 hours after the envelope containing it was posted, or

32 9 2 in the case of an electronic form of communication, 48 hours after it was sent

33 INDEMNITY

33 1 The charity may indemnify a relevant trustee against any liability incurred by him or her or it in that capacity, to the extent permitted by sections 232 to 234 of the Companies Act 2006

33 2 In this article a "relevant trustee " means any trustee or former trustee of the charity

34 RULES

34 1 The board may from time to time make such reasonable and proper rules or bye laws as they may deem necessary or expedient for the proper conduct and management of the charity

34 2 The bye laws may regulate the following matters but are not restricted to them

34 2 1 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,

34 2 2 the conduct of members of the charity in relation to one another, and to the charity's employees and volunteers,

34 2 3 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,

34 2 4 the procedure at general meetings and meetings of the board in so far as such procedure is not regulated by the Companies Acts or by the articles,

34 2 5 generally, all such matters as are commonly the subject matter of company rules

34 3 The charity in general meeting has the power to alter, add to or repeal the rules or bye laws

34 4 The board must adopt such means as they think sufficient to bring the rules and bye laws to the notice of members of the charity.

34 5 The rules or bye laws shall be binding on all members of the charity No rule or bye law shall be inconsistent with, or shall affect or repeal anything contained in, the articles

35 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.

36 DISSOLUTION

- 36 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
- 36 1 1 directly for the Objects,
 - 36 1 2 by transfer to any charity or charities for purposes similar to the Objects, or
 - 36 1 3 to any charity or charities for use for particular purposes that fall within the Objects
- 36 2 Subject to any such resolution of the members of the charity, the trustees 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·
- 36 2 1 directly for the Objects, or
 - 36 2 2 by transfer to any charity or charities for purposes similar to the Objects, or
 - 36 2 3 to any charity or charities for use for particular purposes that fall within the Objects
- 36 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 sub-clause 36 1 is passed by the members or the board the net assets of the charity shall be applied for charitable purposes as directed by the Court or the Commission