

**THE COMPANIES ACT 2006**  
**PRIVALE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES**  
**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**

**POSITIVE STEPS CHILDRENS DAY NURSERY LIMITED**  
**COMPANY NUMBER 04426856**

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**IT IS HEREBY AGREED**

**PART 1: INTERPRETATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

**1 Defined Terms**

**1.1** In the articles, unless the context requires otherwise

Act	means the Companies Act 2006,
Articles	means the company's articles of association for the time being in force,
Bankruptcy	includes individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to that of bankruptcy,
Board	the board of directors from time to time of the Company,
Chairman	has the meaning given in article 12,
Chairman of the meeting	has the meaning given in article 39,
Conflict	has the meaning given in article 71,
Director	means a director of the company, and includes any person occupying the position of director, by whatever name called,
Distribution recipient	has the meaning given in article 31,
Document	includes, unless otherwise specified, any document sent or supplied in electronic form,
Electronic form	has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Act,
Eligible director	means a director who would be entitled to vote on the matter at a meeting of directors (but excluding any director whose vote is not to be counted in respect of the particular matter),
Fully paid	in relation to a share, means that the nominal value and any premium to be paid to the company in respect of that share have been paid to the company,
Hard copy form	has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Act,
Holder	in relation to shares means the person whose name is entered in the register of members as the holder of the shares,

Instrument	means a document in hard copy form,
Ordinary resolution	has the meaning given in section 282 of the Act,
Paid	means paid or credited as paid,
Proxy notice	has the meaning given in article 45,
Shareholder	means a person who is the holder of a share,
Shares	means shares in the company,
Special resolution	has the meaning given in section 283 of the Act,
Subsidiary	has the meaning given in section 1159 of the Act.
Transmittee	means a person entitled to a share by reason of the death or bankruptcy of a shareholder or otherwise by operation of law, and
Writing	means the representation or reproduction of words, symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise

- 1.2 Unless the context otherwise requires, other words or expressions contained in these articles bear the same meaning as in the Act as in force on the date when these articles become binding on the company
- 1.3 Headings in these Articles are used for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of these Articles
- 1.4 A reference in these Articles to an **article** is a reference to the relevant article of these Articles unless expressly provided otherwise
- 1.5 Unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to a statute or statutory provision is a reference to it as amended, extended or re-enacted from time to time and shall include all subordinate legislation made from time to time under that statute or statutory provision
- 1.6 Any words following the terms **including**, **include**, **in particular**, **for example** or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words, description, definition, phrase or term preceding those terms
- 1.7 Where the context permits, **other** and **otherwise** are illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words preceding them

## 2 **Liability of members**

The liability of the members is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid on the shares held by them

## **PART 2: DIRECTORS' POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### 3 **Directors' general authority**

Subject to the articles, the directors are responsible for the management of the company's business for which purpose they may exercise all the powers of the company

### 4 **Shareholders' reserve power**

- 4.1 The shareholders may, by special resolution, direct the directors to take, or refrain from taking, specified action

- 4.2** No such special resolution invalidates anything which the directors have done before the passing of the resolution

**5 Number of directors**

Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, the number of directors shall not be subject to any maximum but shall not be less than one

**6 Directors may delegate**

- 6.1** Subject to the articles, the directors may delegate any of the powers which are conferred on them under the articles

6.1.1 to such person or committee,

6.1.2 by such means (including by power of attorney),

6.1.3 to such an extent,

6.1.4 in relation to such matters, and

6.1.5 on such terms and conditions,

as they think fit

- 6.2** If the directors so specify, any such delegation may authorise further delegation of the directors' powers by any person to whom they are delegated

- 6.3** The directors may revoke any delegation in whole or part, or alter its terms and conditions

**7 Committees**

- 7.1** Committees to which the directors delegate any of their powers must follow procedures which are based as far as they are applicable on those provisions of the articles which govern the taking of decisions by directors

- 7.2** The directors may make rules of procedure for all or any committees, which prevail over rules derived from the articles if they are not consistent with them

**PART 3: DECISION MAKING BY DIRECTORS**

**8 Directors to take decisions collectively**

- 8.1** The general rule about decision-making by directors is that any decision of the directors must be either a majority decision at a meeting or a decision taken in accordance with article 9

- 8.2** If the company only has one director for the time being and no provision of the articles requires it to have more than one director, the general rule does not apply, and the director may (for so long as he remains the sole director) take decisions without regard to any of the other provisions set out in Part 3 (*Decision-Making by Directors*)

**9 Unanimous decisions**

- 9.1** A decision of the directors is taken in accordance with this article when all eligible directors indicate to each other by any means that they share a common view on a matter

**9.2** Such a decision may take the form of a resolution in writing, where each eligible director has signed one or more copies of it, or to which each eligible director has otherwise indicated agreement in writing

**9.3** References in this article to eligible directors are to directors who would have been entitled to vote on the matter had it been proposed as a resolution at a directors' meeting

**9.4** A decision may not be taken in accordance with this article if the eligible directors would not have formed a quorum at such a meeting

## **10 Calling a directors' meeting**

**10.1** Any director may call a directors' meeting by giving notice of the meeting to the directors or by authorising the company secretary (if any) to give such notice

**10.2** Notice of any directors' meeting must indicate

10 2 1 its proposed date and time,

10 2 2 where it is to take place, and

10 2 3 if it is anticipated that directors participating in the meeting will not be in the same place, how it is proposed that they should communicate with each other during the meeting

**10.3** Notice of a directors' meeting must be given to each director, but it does not need to be in writing

**10.4** Notice of a directors' meeting need not be given to directors who waive their entitlement to notice of that meeting, by giving notice to that effect to the company not more than 7 days after the date on which the meeting is held. Where such notice is given after the meeting has been held, that does not affect the validity of the meeting, or of any business conducted at it

## **11 Participation in directors' meetings**

**11.1** Subject to the articles, directors participate in a directors' meeting, or part of a directors' meeting, when

11 1 1 the meeting has been called and takes place in accordance with the articles, and

11 1 2 they can each communicate to the others any information or opinions they have on any particular item of the business of the meeting

**11.2** In determining whether directors are participating in a directors' meeting, it is irrelevant where any director is or how they communicate with each other

**11.3** If all the directors participating in a meeting are not in same place, they may decide that the meeting is to be treated as taking place wherever any of them is

## **12 Quorum for directors' meetings**

**12.1** At a directors' meeting, unless a quorum is participating, no proposal is to be voted on, except a proposal to call another meeting or in accordance with article 12 3

**12.2** The quorum for directors' meetings may be fixed from time to time by a decision of the directors, but if there are two or more directors, it must never be less than two, and unless otherwise fixed it is two. If there is only one director, this article is disappplied under article 8 2

**12.3** If the total number of directors for the time being is less than the quorum required, the directors must not take any decision other than a decision

12.3.1 to appoint further directors, or

12.3.2 to call a general meeting so as to enable the shareholders to appoint further directors

### **13 Chairing of directors' meetings**

**13.1** The directors may appoint a director to chair their meetings

**13.2** The person so appointed for the time being is known as the chairman

**13.3** The directors may terminate the chairman's appointment at any time

**13.4** If the chairman is not participating in a directors' meeting within ten minutes of the time at which it was due to start, the participating directors must appoint one of themselves to chair it

### **14 Casting vote**

**14.1** If the numbers of votes for and against a proposal are equal, the chairman has a casting vote, but where another director is chairing the meeting, he shall not have a casting vote

**14.2** But this shall not apply in respect of a particular meeting (or part of a meeting) if, in accordance with the Articles, the chairman or other director is not an eligible director for the purposes of that meeting (or part of a meeting)

### **15 Transactions or other arrangements with the company**

**15.1** Subject to sections 177(5) and 177(6) and sections 182(5) and 182(6) of the Act and provided he has declared the nature and extent of his interest in accordance with the requirements of the Act, a director who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in an existing or proposed transaction or arrangement with the company

15.1.1 may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the company or in which the company is otherwise (directly or indirectly) interested,

15.1.2 shall be an eligible director for the purposes of any proposed decision of the directors (or committee of directors) in respect of such existing or proposed transaction or arrangement in which he is interested,

15.1.3 shall be entitled to vote at a meeting of directors (or of a committee of the directors) or participate in any unanimous decision, in respect of such existing or proposed transaction or arrangement in which he is interested,

15.1.4 may act by himself or his firm in a professional capacity for the company (otherwise than as auditor) and he or his firm shall be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if he were not a director,

15.1.5 may be a director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to a transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, any body corporate in which the company is otherwise (directly or indirectly) interested, and

15.1.6 shall not, save as he may otherwise agree, be accountable to the company for any benefit which he (or a person connected with him (as defined in section 252 of the Act)) derives from any such transaction or arrangement or from any such office or employment or from any interest in any such body corporate and no such transaction or arrangement shall be

liable to be avoided on the grounds of any such interest or benefit nor shall the receipt of any such remuneration or other benefit constitute a breach of his duty under section 176 of the Act

**16 Directors' conflict of interest**

**16.1** The directors may, in accordance with the requirements set out in this article, authorise any matter or situation proposed to them by any director which would, if not authorised, involve a director (an "**Interested Director**") breaching his duty under section 175 of the Act to avoid conflicts of interest ("**Conflict**")

**16.2** Any authorisation under this article 16 will be effective only if

16 2 1 to the extent permitted by the Act, the matter in question shall have been proposed by any director for consideration in the same way that any other matter may be proposed to the directors under the provisions of these Articles or in such other manner as the directors may determine,

16 2 2 any requirement as to the quorum for consideration of the relevant matter is met without counting the Interested Director or any other interested director, and

16 2 3 the matter was agreed to without the Interested Director voting or would have been agreed to if the Interested Director's and any other interested director's vote had not been counted

**16.3** Any authorisation of a Conflict under this article 16 may (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently)

16 3 1 extend to any actual or potential conflict of interest which may reasonably be expected to arise out of the matter or situation so authorised,

16 3 2 provide that the Interested Director be excluded from the receipt of documents and information and the participation in discussions (whether at meetings of the directors or otherwise) related to the Conflict,

16 3 3 provide that the Interested Director shall or shall not be an eligible director in respect of any future decision of the directors in relation to any resolution related to the Conflict,

16 3 4 impose upon the Interested Director such other terms for the purposes of dealing with the Conflict as the directors think fit,

16 3 5 provide that, where the Interested Director obtains, or has obtained (through his involvement in the Conflict and otherwise than through his position as a director of the company) information that is confidential to a third party, he will not be obliged to disclose that information to the company, or to use it in relation to the company's affairs where to do so would amount to a breach of that confidence, and

16 3 6 permit the Interested Director to absent himself from the discussion of matters relating to the Conflict at any meeting of the directors and be excused from reviewing papers prepared by, or for, the directors to the extent they relate to such matters

**16.4** Where the directors authorise a Conflict, the Interested Director will be obliged to conduct himself in accordance with any terms and conditions imposed by the directors in relation to the Conflict

**16.5** The directors may revoke or vary such authorisation at any time, but this will not affect anything done by the Interested Director, prior to such revocation or variation, in accordance with the terms of such authorisation

**16.6** A director is not required, by reason of being a director (or because of the fiduciary relationship established by reason of being a director), to account to the company for any remuneration, profit or other benefit which he derives from or in connection with a relationship involving a Conflict which has been authorized by the directors or by the company in general meeting (subject in each case to any terms, limits or conditions attaching to that authorization) and no contract shall be liable to be avoided on such grounds

**16.7** For the purposes of any meeting (or part of a meeting) held pursuant to article 16 to authorize a director's conflict if there is only one eligible director in office other than the conflicted director(s), the quorum for such meeting (or part of a meeting) shall be one eligible director

**17 Records of decisions to be kept**

**17.1** The directors must ensure that the company keeps a record, in writing, for at least 10 years from the date of the decision recorded, of every unanimous or majority decision taken by the directors

**17.2** Where decisions of the directors are taken by electronic means, such decisions shall be recorded by the directors in permanent form, so that they may be read with the naked eye

**18 Directors' discretion to make further rules**

Subject to the articles, the directors may make any rule which they think fit about how they take decisions, and about how such rules are to be recorded or communicated to directors

**PART 4: APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS**

**19 Methods of appointing directors**

**19.1** Any person who is willing to act as a director, and is permitted by law to do so, may be appointed to be a director

19.1.1 by ordinary resolution, or

19.1.2 by a decision of the directors

**19.2** In any case where, as a result of death or bankruptcy, the company has no shareholders and no directors, the transmittee(s) of the last shareholder to have died or to have a bankruptcy order made against him (as the case may be) have the right, by notice in writing, to appoint a natural person (including a transmittee who is a natural person), who is willing to act and is permitted to do so, to be a director

**19.3** For the purposes of article 19.2, where two or more shareholders die in circumstances rendering it uncertain who was the last to die, a younger shareholder is deemed to have survived the older shareholder

**20 Termination of director's appointment**

**20.1** A person ceases to be a director as soon as

20.1.1 that person ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Act or is prohibited from being a director by law,

20.1.2 a bankruptcy order is made against that person,

20.1.3 a composition is made with that person's creditors generally in satisfaction of that person's debts,

- 20 1 4 a registered medical practitioner who is treating that person gives a written opinion to the company stating that that person has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a director and may remain so for more than three months,
- 20 1 5 by reason of that person's mental health, a court makes an order which wholly or partly prevents that person from personally exercising any powers or rights which that person would otherwise have, or
- 20 1 6 notification is received by the company from the director that the director is resigning from office, and such resignation has taken effect in accordance with its terms

## **21 Directors' remuneration**

**21.1** Directors may undertake any services for the company that the directors decide

**21.2** Directors are entitled to such remuneration as the directors determine

21 2 1 for their services to the company as directors, and

21 2 2 for any other service which they undertake for the company

**21.3** Subject to the articles, a director's remuneration may

21 3 1 take any form, and

21 3 2 Include any arrangements in connection with the payment of a pension, allowance or gratuity, or any death, sickness or disability benefits, to or in respect of that director

**21.4** Unless the directors decide otherwise, directors' remuneration accrues from day to day

## **22 Directors' expenses**

**22.1** The company may pay any reasonable expenses which the directors and the secretary properly incur in connection with their attendance at

22 1 1 meetings of directors or committees of directors,

22 1 2 general meetings, or

22 1 3 separate meetings of the holders of any class of shares or of debentures of the company, or otherwise in connection with the exercise of their powers and the discharge of their responsibilities in relation to the company

## **23 No alternate directors**

**23.1** No director shall be entitled to appoint an alternate director

## **24 Secretary**

**24.1** The directors may appoint any person who is willing to act as the secretary for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit and from time to time remove such person and, if the directors so decide, appoint a replacement, in each case by a decision of the directors



## **PART 5: SHARES**

### **25 Share capital and rights**

- 25.1** Each share entitles the holder to one vote in any circumstance, whether on a show of hands or on a poll
- 25.2** Each share entitles to the holder to participate in dividend distributions
- 25.3** Each share entitles the holder to participate in capital distributions, including on a winding-up of the company
- 25.4** The shares are non-redeemable

### **26 All shares to be fully paid up**

- 26.1** No share is to be issued for less than the aggregate of its nominal value and any premium to be paid to the company in consideration for its issue
- 26.2** This does not apply to shares taken on the formation of the company by the subscribers to the company's memorandum

### **27 Powers to issue different classes of share**

- 27.1** Subject to the articles, but without prejudice to the rights attached to any existing share, the company may issue shares with such rights or restrictions as may be determined by ordinary resolution
- 27.2** The company may issue shares which are to be redeemed, or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the company or the holder, and the directors may determine the terms, conditions and manner of redemption of any such shares

### **28 Company not bound by less than absolute interests**

Except as required by law, no person is to be recognised by the company as holding any share upon any trust, and except as otherwise required by law or the articles, the company is not in any way to be bound by or recognise any interest in a share other than the holder's absolute ownership of it and all the rights attaching to it

### **29 Share certificates**

- 29.1** The company must issue each shareholder, free of charge, with one or more certificates in respect of the shares which that shareholder holds
- 29.2** Every certificates must specify
  - 29 2 1 in respect of how many shares, of what class, it is issued,
  - 29 2 2 the nominal value of those shares,
  - 29 2 3 that the shares are fully paid, and
  - 29 2 1 any distinguishing numbers assigned to them
- 29.3** No certificate may be issued in respect of shares of more than one class
- 29.4** If more than one person holds a share, only one certificate may be issued in respect of it

**29.5** Certificates must have affixed to them the company's common seal, or be otherwise executed in accordance with the Act

**30 Replacement share certificates**

**30.1** If a certificate issued in respect of a shareholder's shares is damaged or defaced, or said to be lost, stolen or destroyed, that shareholder is entitled to be issued with a replacement certificate in respect of the same shares

**30.2** A shareholder exercising the right to be issued with such a replacement certificate

30.2.1 may at the same time exercise the right to be issued with a single certificate or separate certificates (subject to article 29.3),

30.2.2 must return the certificate which is to be replaced to the company if it is damaged or defaced, and

30.2.3 must comply with such conditions as to evidence, indemnity and the payment of a reasonable fee as the directors decide

**31 Share transfers**

**31.1** Shares may be transferred by means of an instrument of transfer in any usual form or any other form approved by the directors, which is executed by or on behalf of the transferor

**31.2** No shareholder may create any encumbrance over, transfer or otherwise dispose of or give any person any rights in or over any share or any interest in any share unless in accordance with any agreement between the shareholders

**31.3** No fee may be charged for registering any instrument of transfer or other document relating to or affecting the title to any share

**31.4** The company may retain any instrument of transfer which is registered

**31.5** The transferor remains the holder of a share until the transferee's name is entered in the register of members as holder of it

**31.6** The directors may refuse to register the transfer of a share, and if they do so, the instrument of transfer must be returned to the transferee with the notice of refusal unless they suspect that the proposed transfer may be fraudulent

**31.7** Notwithstanding anything contained in these Articles the Directors (or Director if there is only one) of the Company may not decline to register any transfer of shares in the Company nor suspend registration of any shares in the Company in each case where such shares have been mortgaged or charged by way of security in favour of a bank or other entity (whether as lender, agent, trustee or otherwise) (a "Secured Party") and where the transfer is or is to be

(a) to a Secured Party or its nominee, or

(b) executed by a Secured Party, its nominee or any receiver (or similar officer) pursuant to any power existing under such security,

and a certificate from the Secured Party, its nominee or any receiver (or similar officer) that the shares are or are to be subject to such security and the transfer is in accordance with the provisions of this Article shall be conclusive evidence of such facts

## **32 Transmission of shares**

- 32.1** If title to a share passes to a transmittee, the company may only recognise the transmittee as having any title to that share
- 32.2** A transmittee who produces such evidence of entitlement to shares as the directors may properly require
- 32 2 1 may, subject to the articles, choose either to become the holder of those shares or to have them transferred to another person, and
- 32 2 2 subject to the articles, and pending any transfer of the shares to another person, has the same rights as the holder had
- 32.3** But transmittees do not have the right to attend or vote at a general meeting, or agree to a proposed written resolution, in respect of shares to which they are entitled, by reason of the holder's death or bankruptcy or otherwise, unless they become the holders of those shares

## **33 Exercise of transmittees' rights**

- 33.1** Transmittees who wish to become the holders of shares to which they have become entitled must notify the company in writing of that wish
- 33.2** If the transmittee wishes to have a share transferred to another person, the transmittee must execute an instrument of transfer in respect of it
- 33.3** Any transfer made or executed under this article is to be treated as if it were made or executed by the person from whom the transmittee has derived rights in respect of the share, and as if the event which gave rise to the transmission had not occurred

## **34 Transmittees bound by prior notices**

- 34.1** If a notice is given to a shareholder in respect of shares and a transmittee is entitled to those shares, the transmittee is bound by the notice if it was given to the shareholder before the transmittee's name, or the name of any person(s) named as the transferee(s) in an instrument of transfer executed under article 32 2, has been entered in the register of members

## **35 Purchase of own shares**

- 35.1** Subject to the Act but without prejudice to any other provision of these Articles, the Company may purchase its own shares in accordance with Chapter 4 of Part 18 of the Act, including (without limitation) with cash up to any amount in a financial year not exceeding the lower of

35 1 1 £15,000, and

35 1 2 the value of 5% of the Company's share capital

## **36 Further issues of shares: authority**

- 36.1** Save to the extent authorised by these Articles, or authorised from time to time by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders, the directors shall not exercise any power to allot shares or to grant rights to subscribe for, or to convert any security into, any shares in the company
- 36.2** Subject to the remaining provisions of this article 36, the directors are generally and unconditionally authorised, for the purposes of section 551 of the 2006 Act and generally, to exercise any power of the Company to

- 36 2 1 offer or allot,
  - 36 2 2 grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into,
  - 36 2 3 otherwise deal in, or dispose of,
  - 36 2 4 any shares in the company to any person at any time and subject to any terms and conditions as the directors think proper
- 36.3** The authority referred to in article 36 2
- 36 3 1 shall be limited to a maximum nominal amount of £20,
  - 36 3 2 shall only apply insofar as the company has not renewed, waived or revoked it by ordinary resolution, and
  - 36 3 3 may only be exercised for a period of five years commencing on the date on which these Articles are adopted, save that the directors may make an offer or agreement which would, or might, require Shares to be allotted after the expiry of such authority (and the directors may allot Shares in pursuance of an offer or agreement as if such authority had not expired)
- 36.4** In accordance with section 567(1) of the Act, sections 561 and 562 of the Act shall not apply to an allotment of equity securities (as defined in section 560(1) of the Act) made by the company

## **PART 6: ORGANISATION OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

### **37 Attendance and speaking at general meetings**

- 37.1** A person is able to exercise the right to speak at a general meeting when that person is in a position to communicate to all those attending the meeting, during the meeting any information or opinions which that person has on the business of the meeting
- 37.2** A person is able to exercise the right to vote at a general meeting when
- 37 2 1 that person is able to vote, during the meeting, on resolutions put to the vote at the meeting, and
  - 37 2 2 that person's vote can be taken into account in determining whether or not such resolutions are passed at the same time as the votes of all the other persons attending the meeting
- 37.3** The directors may make whatever arrangements they consider appropriate to enable those attending a general meeting to exercise their rights to speak or vote at it
- 37.4** In determining attendance at a general meeting, it is immaterial whether any two or more members attending it are in the same place as each other
- 37.5** Two or more persons who are not in the same place as each other attend a general meeting if their circumstances are such that if they have (or were to have) rights to speak and vote at that meeting, they are (or would be) able to exercise them

### **38 Quorum for general meetings**

- 38.1** The quorum for general meetings shall be two shareholders (unless there is only one, in which case, it shall be one)

**38.2** No business other than the appointment of the chairman of the meeting is to be transacted at a general meeting if the persons attending it do not constitute a quorum

**39 Chairing general meetings**

**39.1** If the directors have appointed a chairman, the chairman shall chair general meetings if present and willing to do so

**39.2** If the directors have not appointed a chairman, or if the chairman is unwilling to chair the meeting or is not present within ten minutes of the time at which a meeting was due to start

39 2 1 the directors present, or

39 2 2 (if no directors are present), the meeting,

must appoint a director or shareholder to chair the meeting, and the appointment of the chairman of the meeting must be the first business of the meeting

**39.3** The person chairing a meeting in accordance with this article is referred to as **the chairman of the meeting**

**40 Attendance and speaking by directors and non-shareholders**

**40.1** Directors may attend and speak at general meetings, whether or not they are shareholders

**40.2** The chairman of the meeting may permit other persons who are not

40 2 1 shareholders of the company, or

40 2 2 otherwise entitled to exercise the rights of shareholders in relation to general meetings,

to attend and speak at a general meeting

**41 Adjournment**

**41.1** If the persons attending a general meeting within half an hour of the time at which the meeting was due to start do not constitute a quorum, or if during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the chairman of the meeting must adjourn it

**41.2** The chairman of the meeting may adjourn a general meeting at which a quorum is present if

41 2 1 the meeting consents to an adjournment, or

41 2 2 It appears to the chairman of the meeting that an adjournment is necessary to protect the safety of any person attending the meeting or ensure that the business of the meeting is conducted in an orderly manner

**41.3** The chairman of the meeting must adjourn a general meeting if directed to do so by the meeting

**41.4** When adjourning a general meeting, the chairman of the meeting must

41 4 1 either specify the time and place to which it is adjourned or state that it is to continue at a time and place to be fixed by the directors, and

41 4 2 have regard to any directions as to the time and place of any adjournment which have been given by the meeting

**41.5** If the continuation of an adjourned meeting is to take place more than 14 days after it was adjourned, the company must give at least 7 clear days' notice of it (that is, excluding the day of the adjourned meeting and the day on which the notice is given)

41.5.1 to the same persons to whom notice of the company's general meetings is required to be given, and

41.5.2 containing the same information which such notice is required to contain

**41.6** No business may be transacted at an adjourned general meeting which could not properly have been transacted at the meeting if the adjournment had not taken place

## **PART 7: VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

### **42 Voting: general**

A resolution put to the vote of a general meeting must be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is duly demanded in accordance with the articles

### **43 Errors and disputes**

**43.1** No objection may be raised to the qualification of any person voting at a general meeting except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting is valid

**43.2** Any such objection must be referred to the chairman of the meeting, whose decision is final

### **44 Poll vote**

**44.1** A poll on a resolution may be demanded

44.1.1 in advance of the general meeting where it is to be put to the vote, or

44.1.2 at a general meeting, either before a show of hands on that resolution or immediately after the result of a show of hands on that resolution is declared

**44.2** A poll may be demanded by

44.2.1 the chairman of the meeting,

44.2.2 the directors,

44.2.3 two or more persons having the right to vote on the resolution, or

44.2.4 a person or persons representing not less than one tenth of the total voting rights of all the shareholders having the right to vote on the resolution

**44.3** A demand for a poll may be withdrawn if

44.3.1 the poll has not yet been taken, and

44.3.2 the chairman of the meeting consents to the withdrawal

**44.4** A demand so withdrawn shall not invalidate the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made

**44.5** Polls must be taken immediately and in such manner as the chairman of the meeting directs

#### **45 Proxy notices**

- 45.1** No shareholder may vote on a shareholder resolution via proxy unless the Board has provided prior written consent to such action and the relevant shareholder has complied with any reasonable regulations communicated to him by the Board in relation thereto

#### **46 Amendments to resolutions**

- 46.1** An ordinary resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution if

46 1 1 notice of the proposed amendment is given to the company in writing by a person entitled to vote at the general meeting at which it is to be proposed not less than 48 hours before the meeting is to take place (or such later time as the chairman of the meeting may determine), and

46 1 2 the proposed amendment does not, in the reasonable opinion of the chairman of the meeting, materially alter the scope of the resolution

- 46.2** A special resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution, if

46 2 1 the chairman of the meeting proposes the amendment at the general meeting at which the resolution is to be proposed, and

46 2 2 the amendment does not go beyond what is necessary to correct a grammatical or other non-substantive error in the resolution

- 46.3** If the chairman of the meeting, acting in good faith, wrongly decides that an amendment to a resolution is out of order, the chairman's error does not invalidate the vote on that resolution

### **PART 8: DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS**

#### **47 Procedure for declaring dividends**

- 47.1** The company may by ordinary resolution declare dividends, and the directors may decide to pay interim dividends

- 47.2** A dividend must not be declared unless the directors have made a recommendation as to its amount. Such a dividend must not exceed the amount recommended by the directors

- 47.3** No dividend may be declared or paid unless it is in accordance with shareholders' respective rights

- 47.4** Unless the shareholders' resolution to declare or directors' decision to pay a dividend, or the terms on which shares are issued, specifies otherwise, it must be paid by reference to each shareholder's holding of shares on the date of the resolution or decision to declare or pay it

- 47.5** If the company's share capital is divided into different classes, no interim dividend may be paid on shares carrying deferred or non-preferred rights if, at the time of payment, any preferential dividend is in arrears

- 47.6** The directors may pay at intervals any dividend payable at a fixed rate if it appears to them that the profits available for distribution justify the payment

**47.7** If the directors act in good faith, they do not incur any liability to the holders of shares conferring preferred rights for any loss they may suffer by the lawful payment of an interim dividend on shares with deferred or non-preferred rights

#### **48 Payment of dividends and other distributions**

**48.1** Where a dividend or other sum which is a distribution is payable in respect of a share, it shall be paid by any means of payment as the directors agree with the distribution recipient either in writing or by such other means as the directors decide

**48.2** In the articles, the distribution recipient means, in respect of a share in respect of which a dividend or other sum is payable

48 2 1 the holder of the share, or

48 2 2 if the share has two or more joint holders, whichever of them is named first in the register of members, or

48 2 3 if the holder is no longer entitled to the share by reason of death or bankruptcy, or otherwise by operation of law, the transmittee

#### **49 No interest on distributions**

**49.1** The company may not pay interest on any dividend or other sum payable in respect of a share unless otherwise provided by

49 1 1 the terms on which the share was issued, or

49 1 2 the provisions of another agreement between the holder of that share and the company

#### **50 Unclaimed distributions**

**50.1** All dividends or other sums which are

50 1 1 payable in respect of shares, and

50 1 2 Unclaimed after having been declared or become payable, may be invested or otherwise made use of by the directors for the benefit of the company until claimed

**50.2** The payment of any such dividend or other sum into a separate account does not make the company a trustee in respect of it

**50.3** If,

50 3 1 12 years have passed from the date on which a dividend or other sum became due for payment, and

50 3 2 the distribution recipient has not claimed it, the distribution recipient is no longer entitled to that dividend or other sum and it ceases to remain owing by the company

#### **51 NON-CASH DISTRIBUTIONS**

**51.1** Subject to the terms of issue of the share in question, the company may, by ordinary resolution on the recommendation of the directors, decide to pay all or part of a dividend or other distribution payable in respect of a share by transferring non-cash assets of equivalent value (including, without limitation, shares or other securities in any company)



**51.2** For the purpose of paying a non-cash distribution, the directors may make whatever arrangements they think fit, including where any difficulty arises regarding the distribution

51.1.1 fixing the value of any assets,

51.1.2 paying cash to any distribution recipient on the basis of that value in order to adjust the rights of recipients, and

51.1.3 vesting any assets in trustees

## **52 WAIVER OF DISTRIBUTIONS**

**52.1** Distribution recipients may waive their entitlement to a dividend or other distribution payable in respect of a share by giving the company notice in writing to that effect, but if

52.1.1 the share has more than one holder, or

52.1.2 more than one person is entitled to the share, whether by reason of the death or bankruptcy of one or more joint holders, or otherwise,

the notice is not effective unless it is expressed to be given, and signed, by all the holders or persons otherwise entitled to the share

## **PART 9: ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

### **53 Means of communication to be used**

**53.1** Subject to the articles, anything sent or supplied by or to the company under the articles may be sent or supplied in any way in which the Act 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 company

**53.2** 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

**53.3** A director may agree with the company that notices or documents sent to that director in a particular way are to be deemed to have been received within a specified time of their being sent, and for the specified time to be less than 48 hours

### **54 Company seals**

**54.1** Any common seal may only be used by the authority of the directors

**54.2** The directors may decide by what means and in what form any common seal is to be used

**54.3** Unless otherwise decided by the directors, if the company has a common seal and it is affixed to a document, the document must also be signed by at least one authorised person in the presence of a witness who attests the signature

**54.4** For the purposes of this article, an authorised person is

54.4.1 any director of the company,

54.4.2 the company secretary (if any), or

54.4.3 any person authorised by the directors for the purpose of signing document to which the common seal is applied

**55 No right to inspect accounts and other records**

- 55.1** Except as provided by law or authorised by the directors or an ordinary resolution of the company, no person is entitled to inspect any of the company's accounting or other records or documents merely by virtue of being a shareholder

**56 Provision for employees on cessation of business**

The directors may decide to make provision for the benefit of persons employed or formerly employed by the company or any of its subsidiaries (other than a director or former director or shadow director) in connection with the cessation or transfer to any person of the whole or part of the undertaking of the company or that subsidiary

**PART 10: CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS**

**57 Authority to capitalise and appropriation of capitalised sums**

- 57.1** Subject to the articles, the directors may, if they are so authorized by an ordinary resolution

57 1 1 Decide to capitalize any profits of the company (whether or not they are available for distribution) which are not required for paying a preferential dividend, or any sum standing to the credit of the company's share premium account or capital redemption reserve, and

57 1 2 appropriate any sum which they so decide to capitalise (capitalised sum) to the persons who would have been entitled to it if it were distributed by way of dividend (the persons entitled) and in the same proportions

- 57.2** Capitalised sums must be applied

57 2 1 on behalf of the persons entitled, and

57 2 2 in the same proportions as a dividend would have been distributed to them

- 57.3** Any capitalised sum may be applied in paying up new shares of a nominal amount equal to the capitalised sum which are then allotted credited as fully paid to the persons entitled or as they may direct

- 57.4** A capitalised sum which was appropriated from profits available for distribution may be applied in paying up new debentures of the company which are then allotted credited as fully paid to the persons entitled or as they may direct

- 57.5** Subject to the articles the directors may

57 5 1 apply capitalised sums in accordance with articles 57 3 and 57 4 partly in one way and partly in another,

57 5 2 make such arrangements as they think fit to deal with shares or debentures becoming distributable in fractions under this article (including the issuing of fractional certificates or the making of cash payments), and

57 5 3 authorize any person to enter into an agreement with the company on behalf of all the persons entitled which is binding on them in respect of the allotment of shares and debentures to them under this article

**PART 11: INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE**

## **58 INDEMNITY**

**58.1** Subject to article 57 2, but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a relevant officer is otherwise entitled

58 1 1 each relevant officer shall be indemnified out of the company's assets against all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by him as a relevant officer

58 1 2 in relation to the company's activities as trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined in Section 235(6) of the Act),

including (in each case) any liability incurred by him in defending any civil or criminal proceedings, in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or the proceedings are otherwise disposed of without any finding or admission of any material breach of duty on his part on in connection with any application in which the court grants him, in his capacity as a relevant officer, relief from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the company's (or any associated company's) affairs, and

58 1 3 the company may provide any relevant officer with funds to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him in connection with any proceedings or application referred to in article 58 1 1 and otherwise may take any action to enable any such relevant officer to avoid incurring such expenditure

**58.2** This article does not authorise any indemnity which would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Act or by any other provision of law

**58.3** In this article

58 3 1 companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate, and

58 3 2 a relevant officer means any director or other officer or former director or other officer of the company or an associated company (including any company which is a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined by section 235(6) of the Act), but excluding in each case any person engaged by the company (or associated company) as auditor (whether or not he is also a director or other officer), to the extent he acts in his capacity as auditor)

## **59 Insurance**

**59.1** The directors may decide to purchase and maintain insurance, at the expense of the company, for the benefit of any relevant officer in respect of any relevant loss

**59.2** In this article

59 3 1 a relevant officer means any director or other officer or former director or other officer of the company or an associated company (including any company which is a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined by section 235(6) of the Act), but excluding in each case any person engaged by the company (or associated company) as auditor (whether or not he is also a director or other officer), to the extent he acts in his capacity as auditor)

59 3 2 a relevant loss means any loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by a relevant officer in connection with that relevant officer's duties or powers in relation to the company, any associated company or any pension fund or employees' share scheme of the company or associated company, and

59 3 3 companies are associated if one is subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate