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To whom it may concern

Asylum Welcome – Company No. 04361627 – Change of Company Objects

I am writing as Co-chair of the Board of Trustees of the charity Asylum Welcome. We are a registered charity – Charity No. 1092265.

We have recently been given approval by the Charity Commission to amend our Memorandum of Association (attachment 1 - email from Charity Commission 24th June 2020). Specifically this was to broaden our Charitable Objects, to include reaching 'vulnerable migrants who have a humanitarian need for assistance in the UK, including those detained within the legal or penal system.'

We then held our Annual General Meeting at our customary date in September (this year on Monday 14th September). Because of COVID-19 this meeting was held on Zoom and we held an excellent well-attended meeting.

The proposed change to our Memorandum of Association was put to our Members in the form of a resolution shown on screen to all viewers (attachment 2). It had earlier formed part of a set of documents sent to all Members of the Charity 3 weeks in advance of the AGM (in accordance with our Articles of Association, which state 'General meetings are called on at least clear 21 days written notice specifying the business to be discussed')

The changes related only to Paras 3 and 4.2 of our Memorandum of Association.

Para 3 formerly stated that "The charity's objects are to provide charitable assistance for the relief of poverty, sickness and distress and for educational purposes, for the benefit of asylum seekers, refugees and those who are or have been or may be detained by the immigration authorities, principally for those living in or having a connection with Oxfordshire or detained at Campsfield House.'

Campsfield House (formerly a Home Office Detention Centre) closed in December 2018.

Our revised Powers (approved by the Charity Commission) now read in Para 3:

'The charity's objects are to provide charitable assistance, operating principally from Oxfordshire, for the relief of poverty, sickness and distress and for educational purposes, for the benefit of asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants who have a humanitarian need for assistance in the UK, including those detained within the legal or penal system.'

Paragraph 4.2 relates to powers the charity can use in promoting the objects. The original wording was

'4.2. Power to promote and support asylum seekers and refugees and an understanding of their needs'

The revised wording (approved by the Charity Commission) now reads

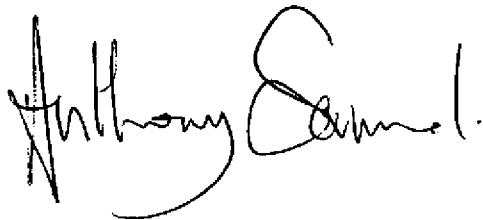
'4.2. Power to support asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants who have a humanitarian need for assistance in the UK, including those detained within the legal or penal system, and to promote an understanding of their needs'.

Our AGM passed this Resolution unanimously on 14th September, so I am writing to you, as required on form CC04 'within 15 days of the amendment taking effect' (attachment 3 – signed CC04 form)

I further enclose our amended Memorandum of Association, reflecting changes to Paras 3 and 4.2 above approved at our AGM on 14th September (attachment 4)

I look forward to hearing from you that this has now been lodged successfully with Companies House. I can confirm that we are also registering this change with the Charity Commission.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Anthony Samuel'.

Anthony (Tony) Samuel – Co-chair of Trustees

Attachments

- 1) Email from Charity Commission 24th June 2020 approving planned changes to the Memorandum of Association
- 2) Resolution 3 proposing changes to the Memorandum of Association – shown at the AGM 14th September 2020
- 3) Form CC04 signed by Anthony Samuel, Co-chair of the Board of Trustees
- 4) Amended Memorandum of Association following changes approved at the AGM