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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF A PRIVATE LIMITED COMPANY

Company Number **12245290**

The Registrar of Companies for England and Wales, hereby certifies that

**NORTH WALES MERSEY DEE BUSINESS COUNCIL LIMITED -
CYNGOR BUSNES GOGLEDD CYMRU A MERSWY DYFRDWY
CYFYNGEDIG**

is this day incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 as a private company, that the company is limited by guarantee, and the situation of its registered office is in Wales

Given at Companies House, Cardiff, on **4th October 2019**



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Companies House



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Application to register a company



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Company Name in full: **NORTH WALES MERSEY DEE BUSINESS COUNCIL LIMITED - CYNGOR BUSNES GOGLEDD CYMRU A MERSWY DYFRDWY CYFYNGEDIG**

Company Type: **Private company limited by guarantee**

Situation of Registered Office: **Wales**

Proposed Registered Office Address: **8 THE PADDOCK
PRESTATYN
DENBIGHSHIRE
LL19 8NB**

Sic Codes: **94990
94110**

Principal activity description: **Activities of other membership organizations n.e.c.
Activities of business and employers membership organizations**

I wish to adopt entirely bespoke model articles.

Company Director ***1***

Occupation: NONE

The subscribers confirm that the person named has consented to act as a director.

Company Director **2**

Type: **Person**

Full Forename(s): **MR JAMES JOSEPH**

Surname: **JONES**

Service Address: **22 WELLINGTON ROAD
OLD COLWYN
COLWYN BAY
CONWY
WALES LL29 9NE**

***Country/State Usually
Resident:*** **WALES**

Date of Birth: ****/06/1963** ***Nationality:*** **BRITISH**

Occupation: **NONE**

The subscribers confirm that the person named has consented to act as a director.

Persons with Significant Control (PSC)

Statement of no PSC

The company knows or has reason to believe that there will be no registerable Person with Significant Control or Relevant Legal Entity (RLE) in relation to the company

Election to keep information on the public register

The subscribers have elected to keep Register of Directors Usual Residential Addresses information on the public register

The subscribers have elected to keep Register of Members information on the public register

Statement of Guarantee

I confirm that if the company is wound up while I am a member, or within one year after I cease to be a member, I will contribute to the assets of the company by such amount as may be required for:

- payments of debts and liabilities of the company contracted before I cease to be a member;
- payments of costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and;
- adjustment of the rights of the contributors among ourselves, not exceeding the specified amount below.

Name: **JONATHAN ASHLEY ROGERS**

Address **8 THE PADDOCK
PRESTATYN
DENBIGHSHIRE
LL19 8NB**

Amount Guaranteed **1**

Name: **NORTH WALES TOURISM**

Address **9 WYNNSTAY ROAD
COLWYN BAY
CONWY
LL29 8NB**

Amount Guaranteed **1**

Statement of Compliance

I confirm the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as to registration have been complied with.

Authorisation

Authoriser Designation: **subscriber**

Authenticated **YES**

**Memorandum of Association of North Wales Mersey Dee Business Council Limited –
Cyngor Busnes Gogledd Cymru A Merswy Dyfrdwy Cyfyngedig**

Each subscriber to this memorandum of association wishes to form a company under the Companies Act 2006 and agrees to become a member of the company.

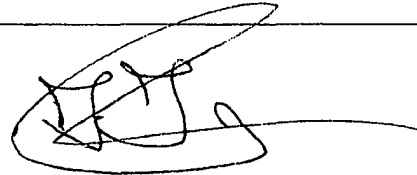
Name of each subscriber

Authentication by each subscriber

Jonathan Ashley Rogers



North Wales Tourism



Dated 25th September 2019.

THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

OF

**NORTH WALES MERSEY DEE BUSINESS COUNCIL
LIMITED** CYNGOR BUSNES GOGLEDD CYMRU A MERSWY
DYFRDWY CYFYNGEDIG (the "**Company**")

**(Adopted by special resolution passed on 11th
October 2018)**

INTERPRETATION, OBJECTS AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

1. Interpretation

1.1 In these Articles, unless the context otherwise requires:

Act: means the Companies Act 2006;

Appointor: has the meaning given in article 15(1);

Articles: means the Company's articles of association for the time being in force;

bankruptcy: includes insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to that of bankruptcy;

Business Day: means any day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in England) when banks in London are open for business;

Chair and Vice Chair: are the two operational directors of the Company for the purpose of running the business of the Company;

Confidential information: means all confidential information (however recorded or preserved) disclosed by a member to the Company and or other members whether before or after the date of these Articles in connection with

the objects and all business of the Company, including but not limited to:

any information that would be regarded as confidential by a reasonable business person relating to:

(i)

the business, affairs, customers, clients, suppliers, plans, intentions, or market opportunities of the Company or of members of the Company (or of any member of the group of companies to which the member belongs); and

(ii)

the operations, processes, product information, know-how, designs, trade secrets or software of the Company or its members (or of any member of the group of companies to which the member belongs);

any information developed by the Company in the course of carrying out its objects and business;

Conflict: means a situation in which a director has or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the Company;

director: means a director of the Company that is a voting member of the Company and includes any person occupying the position of director, by whatever name called;

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 in relation to the authorisation of a Conflict pursuant to Article 11, any director whose vote is not to be counted in respect of the particular matter);

Interested Director: has the meaning given in *article 11*;

Member: means a person whose name is entered in the Register of Members of the Company and **Membership** shall be construed accordingly; and

Model Articles: means the model articles for private companies limited by guarantee contained in Schedule 2 of the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/3229) as amended prior to the date of adoption of these Articles and reference to a numbered "**Model Article**" is a reference to that article of the Model Articles;

Operational directors: means the Chair and Vice Chair who are authorised to carry out the business of the company within the object/scope of the company including all activities supporting the delivery of the Board approved priorities, not limited to the delivery of projects and agreements with other organisations;

ordinary resolution: has the meaning given in section 282 of the Act;

participate: in relation to a director's meeting, has the meaning given in Model Article 10;

proxy notice: has the meaning given in Model Article 31;

secretary: means the secretary of the Company and any other person appointed to perform the duties of the secretary of the Company, including a joint, assistant or deputy secretary;

special resolution: has the meaning given in section 283 of the Act;

subsidiary: has the meaning given in section 1159 of the Act;

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. Save as otherwise specifically provided in these Articles, words and expressions which have particular meanings in the Model Articles shall have the same meanings in these Articles, subject to which and unless the context otherwise requires, words and expressions which have particular meanings in the Act shall have the same meanings in these Articles.
- 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 shall include any subordinate legislation from time to time made under that statute or statutory provision.
- 1.6. Any word 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 preceding those terms.
- 1.7. The Model Articles shall apply to the Company, except in so far as they are modified or excluded by these Articles.
- 1.8. The following Model Articles shall not apply to the Company:
 - 1 (Defined terms);
 - 2 (Liability of Members);
 - 8 (Unanimous decisions);
 - 9(1) [and (3)] (Calling a directors' meeting);
 - 11(2) and (3) (Quorum for directors' meeting);
 - 13 (Casting vote);
 - 14 (1), (2), (3) and (4) (Conflicts of interest);
 - 17(2) (Methods of appointing directors);
 - 21 (Applications for membership);
 - 22 (Termination of membership);
 - 30(2) (Poll votes);
 - 31(1)(d) (Content of proxy notices);
 - 35 (Company seals);

38 (Indemnity);

39 (Insurance).

1.9 Model Article 3 (Directors' general authority) shall be amended by the insertion of the words "in accordance with its objects" after the words "the management of the Company's business".

1.10 Model Article 7 (Directors to take decisions collectively) shall be amended by:

(a) the insertion of the words "for the time being" at the end of Model Article 7(2)(a); and

(b) the insertion in Model Article 7(2) of the words "(for so long as he remains the sole director)" after the words "and the director may".

1.11 Model Article 20 shall be amended by the insertion of the words "[including alternate directors]] [and the secretary]" before the words "properly incur".

2. OBJECT

The object for which the Company is established is to represent the interests of the private sector in the North Wales and Mersey Dee region, to drive the economic development agenda with the public sector/government and relevant stakeholders/partners, to achieve balanced and sustainable growth; to promote awareness of the combined North Wales and Mersey Dee functional economy and to promote the economic and social role of the private sector as a source of employment and wealth creation.

3. POWERS

In pursuance of the object set out in article 2, the Company has the power to:

- (a) buy, lease or otherwise acquire and deal with any property real or personal and any rights or privileges of any kind over or in respect of any property real or personal and to improve, manage, develop, construct, repair, sell, lease, mortgage, charge, surrender or dispose of or otherwise deal with all or any part of such property and any and all rights of the Company;
- (b) borrow and raise money in such manner as the directors shall think fit and secure the repayment of any money borrowed, raised or owing by mortgage, charge, lien or other security on the Company's property and assets;
- (c) invest and deal with the funds of the Company not immediately required for its operations in or upon such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit;
- (d) subscribe for, take, buy or otherwise acquire, hold, sell, deal with and dispose of, place and underwrite shares, stocks, debentures, debenture stocks, bonds, obligations or securities issued or guaranteed by any government or authority in any part of the world;
- (e) lend and advance money or give credit on such terms as may seem expedient and with or without security to customers and others, to enter into guarantees, contracts of indemnity and suretyships of all kinds to receive money on deposit or loan upon such terms as the Company may approve and to secure or guarantee the payment of any sums of money or the performance of any obligation by any company, firm or person including any holding company or subsidiary;
- (f) lobby, advertise, publish, educate, examine, research and survey in respect of all matters of law, regulation, economics, accounting, governance, politics and/or other issues and to hold meetings, events and other procedures and co-operate with or assist any other body or organisation in each case in such way or by such means as may, in the opinion of the directors, affect or advance the principal object in any way;
- (g) pay all or any expenses incurred in connection with the promotion, formation and incorporation of the Company and to contract with any person, firm or company to pay the same;
- (h) enter into contracts to provide services to or on behalf of other bodies;
- (i) provide and assist in the provision of money, materials or other help;
- (j) open and operate bank accounts and other facilities for banking and draw, accept, endorse, issue or execute promissory notes, bills of exchange, cheques and other instruments;

- (k) incorporate subsidiary companies to carry on any trade; and
- (l) do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the pursuit or to the attainment of any of the object set out in article 2.

4 INCOME

4.1 The income and property of the Company from wherever derived shall be applied solely in promoting the Company's objects.

4.2 No distribution shall be paid or capital otherwise returned to the Members in cash or otherwise. Nothing in these Articles shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Company of:

- (a) reasonable and proper remuneration to any Member, officer or servant of the Company for any services rendered to the Company;
- (b) any interest on money lent by any Member or any director at a reasonable and proper rate;
- (c) reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any Member or director; or
- (d) reasonable out-of-pocket expenses properly incurred by any director.

5 WINDING UP

On the winding-up or dissolution of the Company, after provision has been made for all its debts and liabilities, any assets or property that remains available to be distributed or paid, shall not be paid or distributed to the Members (except to a Member that qualifies under this Article) but shall be transferred to another body (charitable or otherwise) with objects similar to those of the Company. Such body to be determined by resolution of the Members at or before the time of winding up or dissolution and, subject to any such resolution of the Members, may be made by resolution of the directors at or before the time of winding up or dissolution.

6 GUARANTEE

The liability of each Member is limited to £1, being the amount that each Member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company in the event of its being wound up while he is a Member or within one year after he ceases to be a Member, for

- (a) payment of the Company's debts and liabilities contracted before he ceases to be a Member,
- (b) payment of the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up, and
- (c) adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

DIRECTORS

7 UNANIMOUS DECISIONS

7.1 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.

7.2 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.

7.3 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.

8 CALLING A DIRECTORS' MEETING

8.1 Any director may call a directors' meeting by giving not less than 14 Business Days' notice of the meeting (or such lesser notice as all the directors may agree) to the directors or by authorising the secretary (if any) to give such notice

8.2 Notice of a directors' meeting shall be given to each director in writing.

8.3 A director who is absent from the UK and who has no registered address in the UK shall not be entitled to notice of the directors' meeting.

9 QUORUM FOR DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

9.1 Subject to article 9.2, There will be a quorum of 50% of full voting members.

9.2 For the purposes of any meeting (or part of a meeting) held pursuant to article 11 to authorise a Conflict, if there is only one Eligible Director in office other than the Interested Director(s), the quorum for such meeting (or part of a meeting) shall be one Eligible Director.

9.3 If the total number of directors in office for the time being is less than the quorum required, the directors must not take any decision other than a decision:

(a) to appoint further directors; or

(b) to call a general meeting so as to enable the Members to appoint further directors.

10 VOTING

10.1 If the numbers of votes for and against a proposal at a meeting of directors are equal, the Chair or other director chairing the meeting has a casting vote.

10.2 Article 10.1 shall not apply in respect of a particular meeting (or part of a meeting) if, in accordance with the Articles, the Chair or other director is not an Eligible Director for the purposes of that meeting (or part of a meeting).

10.3. The Chair and Vice Chair will be elected from amongst the voting members only namely full members' nominated formal representatives and individual members.

10.4 Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair may only be made by full members' voting representatives and individual members. A seconder from the voting membership will be required before a vote is taken.

10.5 Vice Chair will serve 1 year as Vice Chair, followed by 2 years as Chair, after which that Director will revert to being Vice Chair and serve for 1 year as vice chair. The current Chair / previous Chairs are eligible for re-election, under the standard process for nominations/elections.

11 DIRECTORS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

11.2 Any authorisation under this article 11 shall be effective only if:
(a) 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;

(b) any requirement as to the quorum for consideration of the relevant matter is met without counting the Interested Director; and

(c) the matter was agreed to without the Interested Director voting or would have been agreed to if the Interested Director's vote had not been counted.

11.3 Any authorisation of a Conflict under this article 11 may (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently):

(a) extend to any actual or potential conflict of interest which may reasonably be expected to arise out of the matter or situation so authorised;

(b) 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;

(c) 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;

(d) impose upon the Interested Director such other terms for the purposes of dealing with the Conflict as the directors think fit;

(e) 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 shall 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

(f) 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.

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

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

11.6 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 authorised by the directors in accordance with these Articles or by the Company in general meeting (subject in each case to any terms, limits or conditions attaching to that authorisation) and no contract shall be liable to be avoided on such grounds.

11.7 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:

- (a) 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;

- (b) 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;

- (c) 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;

- (d) 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;

- (e) 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

- (f) 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.

12 RECORDS OF DECISIONS TO BE KEPT

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.

13 NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, the number of directors (other than alternate directors) shall not be subject to any maximum but shall not be less than two.

14 DEATH OR BANKRUPTCY OF SOLE MEMBER DIRECTOR

In any case where, a Member dies or becomes bankrupt the membership automatically ends and Article 21 applies.

15 APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

15.1 Any director (other than an alternate director) (Appointor) may appoint as an alternate any other director, or any other person approved by resolution of the directors, to:

- (a) exercise that director's powers; and
- (b) carry out that director's responsibilities,

in relation to the taking of decisions by the directors, in the absence of the Appointor.

15.2 Any appointment or removal of an alternate director must comply with the provisions of Clause 20, Clause 21 and Clause 22.

16 RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

16.1 An alternate director may act as alternate director to more than one director and has the same rights in relation to any decision of the directors as the Appointor.

16.2 Except as the Articles specify otherwise, alternate directors are:

- (a) deemed for all purposes to be directors;
- (b) liable for their own acts and omissions;
- (c) subject to the same restrictions as their Appointors; and
- (d) not deemed to be agents of or for their Appointors

and, in particular (without limitation), each alternate director shall be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of directors and of all meetings of committees of directors of which his Appointor is a Member.

16.3 A person who is an alternate director but not a director:

- (a) may be counted as participating for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present (but only if that person's Appointor is not participating);
- (b) may participate in a unanimous decision of the directors (but only if his Appointor is an Eligible Director in relation to that decision, but does not participate); and
- (c) shall not be counted as more than one director for the purposes of article 16.3.

16.4 A director who is also an alternate director is entitled, in the absence of his Appointor(s), to a separate vote on behalf of each Appointor, in addition to his own vote on any decision of the directors (provided that an Appointor for whom he exercises a separate vote is an Eligible Director in relation to that decision), but shall not count as more than one director for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present.

16.5 An alternate director may be paid expenses and may be indemnified by the Company to the same extent as if he were a director but shall not be entitled to receive any remuneration from the Company for serving as an alternate director except such part (if any) of the remuneration

otherwise payable to the alternate's Appointor as the Appointor may by notice in writing to the Company from time to time direct.

17 TERMINATION OF ALTERNATE DIRECTORSHIP

An alternate director's appointment as an alternate (in respect of a particular Appointor) terminates:

- (a) when the alternate's Appointor revokes the appointment by notice to the Company in writing specifying when it is to terminate;
- (b) on the occurrence, in relation to the alternate, of any event which, if it occurred in relation to the alternate's Appointor, would result in the termination of the Appointor's appointment as a director;
- (c) on the death of the alternate's Appointor; or
- (d) when the alternate director's Appointor ceases to be a director for whatever reason.

18 SECRETARY

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.

19 CHANGE OF COMPANY NAME

The name of the Company may be changed by:

- (a) a decision of the directors; or
 - (b) a special resolution of the Members,
- or otherwise in accordance with the Act.

MEMBERS: BECOMING AND CEASING TO BE A MEMBER

20 MEMBERSHIP

20.1 There will be three classes of Membership: -

1. Full Membership

Full members are drawn from the business Member organisations, Trade Bodies and HE / FE institutions from the region. Full Members will have the right to nominate a single formal representative to sit on the Board of the Company.

Full member organisations may nominate up to two further members to attend and participate in Company meetings in addition to their single, formal representative. That single formal representative will cast the vote on formal motions before the Company, on behalf of the member organisation they represent. In the absence of the formal representative, a nominated deputy may cast the vote.

The Council may invite further organisations to join the Company as full members. Such an organisation must be proposed by the Chair and accepted by a simple majority of the voting membership.

Full members will be subject to an annual subscription which will be notified to members on an annual basis and will be subject to VAT. Subscription levels are subject to review, with any changes to be agreed through a formal motion of the Company.

If payment of the membership subscription is not made within three (3) months of the subscription invoice date, full membership will be withdrawn and that membership will be re-designated as an Associate Membership.

Support in kind in lieu of a subscription may be accepted on behalf of the Company at the discretion of the Chair.

2. Individual Members

Individual Members may join the Company, following nomination by the Chair, and a simple majority voting in favour of membership, by the voting members of the Company.

Only the Chair may formally propose individual members for membership of the Company, and individual membership is not open to organisations/ associations or trade bodies.

Full Voting members may refer potential candidates to the Chair, for consideration to be formally proposed.

There will be a maximum of 4 individual members at any one time.

Individual members, properly proposed by the Chair, and agreed by a majority of the Voting Membership will have full voting rights on all matters.

The Chair has discretion to withdraw an individual membership if there is no attendance by that individual member in the preceding 12 months.

Individual members are not required to pay membership subscriptions.

Individual Membership is subject to review by the Chair & Vice Chair every 3 years.

3. Associate Membership

Associate members will be invited to attend regular Company meetings and will have the right to participate in discussion of any matters before the Company. This will include: -

- a) Discussion and questions relating to reports, research, presentations and information presented by the Company
- b) Debate to determine Company Priorities and Strategy
- c) Influencing and contributing to decision-making

Associate Members have no entitlement to vote on board matters and are not signatories to these Articles of Association.

Associate Membership will be by invitation only. Invitation will require nomination by the Chair and acceptance of Membership by a simple majority of voting members. Once granted, associate membership is subject to review by the Chair & Vice Chair every 3 years.

Associate Members will have the right to nominate one representative to attend meetings.

Associate Members may be invited to become full members of the Company, subject to nomination by the Chair and acceptance by a simple majority of the voting membership. Typically, Associate Members will be drawn from locality based business organisations and networks. The Chair has discretion to withdraw associate membership if there is no attendance by the associate member in the preceding 12 months.

21 TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

21.1 There will be no transfer of any memberships.

21.2 A Member may withdraw from Membership of the Company by giving 7 days' notice to the Company in writing and any person ceasing to be a Member shall be removed from the Register of Members.

22 EXPULSION OF MEMBER

22.1 The directors may terminate the Membership of any Member without his consent by giving the Member written notice if, in the reasonable opinion of the directors, the Member:

- (a) is guilty of conduct which has or is likely to have a serious adverse effect on the Company or bring the Company or any or all of the Members and directors into disrepute; or

- (b) has acted or has threatened to act in a manner which is contrary to the interests of the Company as a whole; or

- (c) has failed to observe the terms of these Articles and the Rules.

- (d) If a member discloses, without the express written permission of the Chair or Vice Chair, confidential information that concerns the business of the Company or its members

Following such termination, the Member shall be removed from the Register of Members.

22.2 The notice to the Member must give the Member the opportunity to be heard in writing or in person as to why his membership should not be terminated. The directors must consider any representations made by the Member and inform the Member of their decision following such consideration. There shall be no right to appeal from a decision of the directors to terminate the Membership of a Member.

22.3 A Member whose Membership is terminated under this Article shall not be entitled to a refund of any subscription or Membership fee and shall

remain liable to pay to the Company any subscription or other sum owed by him.

DECISION MAKING BY MEMBERS

23 VOTES OF MEMBERS

Subject to the Act, at any general meeting:

- (a) every Member who is present in person (or by proxy) shall on a show of hands have one vote; and
- (b) every Member present in person (or by proxy) shall on a poll have one vote.
- (c) Only full and individual members of the Company (the voting membership) may vote on formal motions. Formal motions being those covering budgets / subscriptions / the articles of association/ changes to the Membership / Election of Chair and Vice Chair.
- (d) Formal Motions to the Company may only be made and seconded by Full Voting Members.

24 POLL VOTES

24.1 A poll may be demanded at any general meeting by any qualifying person (as defined in section 318(3) of the Act) present and entitled to vote at the meeting.

24.2 Model Article 30(3) shall be amended by the insertion of the words "A demand so withdrawn shall not invalidate the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made" as a new paragraph at the end of that article.

25 PROXIES

25.1 Model Article 31(1)(d) shall be deleted and replaced with the words "is delivered to the company in accordance with the Articles not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the right to vote is to be exercised and in accordance with any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting (or adjourned meeting) to which they relate".

25.1 Model Article 31(1) shall be amended by the insertion of the words "and a proxy notice which is not delivered in such manner shall be invalid" as a new paragraph at the end of that article.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

26 MEANS OF COMMUNICATION TO BE USED

26.1 Any notice, document or other information shall be deemed served on or delivered to the intended recipient:

(a) if properly addressed and sent by prepaid United Kingdom first class post to an address in the United Kingdom, 48 hours after it was posted or five Business Days after posting either to an address outside the United Kingdom or from outside the United Kingdom to an address within the United Kingdom, if (in each case) sent by reputable international overnight courier addressed to the intended recipient, provided that delivery in at least five Business Days was guaranteed at the time of sending and the sending party receives a confirmation of delivery from the courier service provider);

(b) if properly addressed and delivered by hand, when it was given or left at the appropriate address;

(c) if properly addressed and sent or supplied by electronic means, one hour after the document or information was sent or supplied; and

(d) if sent or supplied by means of a website, when the material is first made available on the website or (if later) when the recipient receives (or is deemed to have received) notice of the fact that the material is available on the website.

For the purposes of this article, no account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a Business Day.

26.2 In proving that any notice, document or other information was properly addressed, it shall suffice to show that the notice, document or

other information was addressed to an address permitted for the purpose by the Act.

27 RULES

The directors may establish rules governing matters relating to Company administration that are required from time to time for the effective operation of the Company (for example, the provisions relating to classes of Members, Membership fees and subscriptions and the admission criteria for Members, the quorum required at meetings as well as business provisions including the frequency of meetings per annum and the importance of confidentiality and non disclosure of sensitive material). If there is a conflict between the terms of these Articles and any rules established under this Article, the terms of these Articles shall prevail.

28 INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

28.1 Subject to article 28.20, but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a relevant officer is otherwise entitled:

(a) 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:

(i) in the actual or purported execution and/or discharge of his duties, or in relation to them; and 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 or 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

(b) 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 28.1(a) and otherwise may take any action to enable any such relevant officer to avoid incurring such expenditure.

28.2 This article does not authorise any indemnity to the extent that such indemnity would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Act or by any other provision of law and any such indemnity is limited accordingly.

28.3 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.

28.4 In this article:

(a) companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate; and

(b) 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

(c) a relevant officer means any director or other officer or former director or other officer of the Company, 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).

29 Miscellaneous Provisions

29.1 Organisations may become full members directly, without having been Associate members, subject to the proper nomination process outlined above.

29.2 Formal offers to join the Company under Full / Associate or Individual Membership, may not be made by the Chair, without having first been approved by the existing voting membership.

29.3 The views, decisions or work of the Company on any particular matter shall have no authority to bind any Member or individual Party in the exercise of that Member's organisational duties and/or powers or otherwise.

29.4 The Company will hold at least three regular, business meetings per annum. The Minutes of each business meeting will be published and circulated to all classes of members within six weeks of the date the meeting was held.

29.5 The Chair will direct the work of Company, utilising the resource practically available within the budgets agreed.

29.6 The Company will appoint a Co-ordinator to support the Chair, take the minutes of the Company's meetings and assist with business and administrative matters as directed by the Chair.

29.7 The Chair will have delegated authority to purchase goods and services, commission research and incur expenses on behalf of the Company, in line with agreed budgets. Any invoice payments approved by the Chair, being notified to the Co-ordinator or Vice Chair.

29.8 Any expenses/payments to the Chair, will be approved independently by the Vice Chair.

29.9 Expenditure will be reported to the Company in summary financial statements every 6 months versus the approved budgets. The Accounts will be audited annually.

Signed by: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

Dated: _____

For and on behalf of (NAME OF MEMBER): _____

Address of Member: