



SPECIAL RESOLUTION: AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Amendments to the Articles of Association were agreed by members at the last AGM on 28 November 2024, for the following changes (as a Special Resolution):

- To change the 'objects' from 'City of York and its environs' to 'City of York, North Yorkshire, the Humber and their environs' (to reflect the work already taking place with the NHS Integrated Care Board (ICB)).
- To remove the paragraph relating to having a nursery at York CVS, which is no longer relevant.

These changes were submitted to the Charities Commission as below:

Objects

2. The CVS has the following main objects so far as such objects may be deemed by law to be charitable:
 - a. To work for the benefit of the City of York, North Yorkshire, the Humber and their environs, and, in particular, by quickening the spirit of fellowship and social service and undertaking and assisting in social work and activities, and the promotion of social welfare of every kind in the said City and its environs.
 - b. To initiate, promote and assist any schemes, enterprises or activities for the benefit of the inhabitants or otherwise calculated to advance the practice of good citizenship.
 - c. To promote assist and encourage the advancement of education in the City of York, North Yorkshire, the Humber and their environs and especially on matters concerning social welfare.
 - d. To recruit, support and broker opportunities for volunteers; to assist them in doing such volunteering, and to act as a focus for personal service for the public good.

- e. To provide information and advice for those who may be in need of it and to act as the neighbourly counsellor and helper of any persons who may be in difficulty or distress.

The Charities Commission responded that:

The objects do not meet modern standards of objects drafting, and as such we cannot consent to them in the form proposed. Whilst the intention is just to drop one of the existing objects (f), we would encourage the trustees to take this opportunity to review the objects in their entirety, since the original objects are not worded in a way that would be accepted as suitably worded charitable objects today. The charity is a local infrastructure body, and a member of NAVCA. We would propose objects of the standardised form that has been accepted as suitable for these types of organisations (other CVSs and Voluntary Action groups), as follows:

“A. TO PROMOTE ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE FURTHERANCE OF HEALTH AND THE RELIEF OF POVERTY, DISTRESS AND SICKNESS OPERATING IN THE CITY OF YORK, NORTH YORKSHIRE, THE HUMBER AND THEIR ENVIRONS HEREINAFTER CALLED 'THE AREA OF BENEFIT'.

B. TO PROMOTE AND ORGANISE CO-OPERATION IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE ABOVE PURPOSES AND TO THAT END TO BRING TOGETHER IN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS, BUSINESSES AND STATUTORY AUTHORITIES WITHIN THE AREA OF BENEFIT.”

Trustees have approved these changes to the objects, and the Charity Commission has provided revised consent to the changes as above; subject to the approval of members by Special Resolution at the AGM.

Trustees are recommending that members approve these changes to the Articles of Association.