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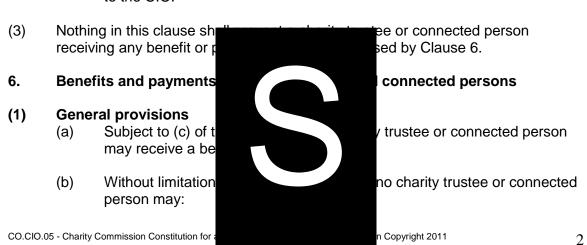
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- (2) buy, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any property and to maintain and equip it for use;
- (3) sell, lease or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the property belonging to the CIO. In exercising this power, the CIO must comply as appropriate with sections 117 and 119-123 of the Charities Act 2011;
- (4) employ and remunerate such staff as are necessary for carrying out the work of the CIO. The CIO may employ or remunerate a charity trustee only to the extent that it is permitted to do so by clause 6 (Benefits and payments to charity trustees and connected persons) and provided it complies with the conditions of those clauses;
- (5) deposit or invest funds, employ a professional fund-manager, and arrange for the investments or other property of the CIO to be held in the name of a nominee, in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as the trustees of a trust are permitted to do by the Trustee Act 2000;]

### 5. Application of income and property

- (1) The income and property of the CIO must be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects.
  - (a) A charity trustee is entitled to be reimbursed from the property of the CIO or may pay out of such property reasonable expenses properly incurred by him or her when acting on behalf of the CIO.
  - (b) A charity trustee may benefit from trustee indemnity insurance cover purchased at the CIO's expense in accordance with, and subject to the conditions in, section 189 of the Charities Act 2011.
- (2) None of the income or property of the CIO may be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to any member of the CIO. This does not prevent a member who is not also a charity trustee receiving:
  - (a) benefit from the CIO as a beneficiary of the CIO;
  - (b) reasonable and proper remuneration for any goods or services supplied to the CIO.



- (i) buy or receive any goods or services from the CIO on terms preferential to those applicable to members of the public;
- (ii) sell goods, services, or any interest in land to the CIO;
- (iii) be employed by, or receive any remuneration from, the CIO;
- (iv) receive any other financial benefit from the CIO; and
- (c) A charity trustee or connected person may receive a benefit from the CIO as a beneficiary of the CIO [[provided that a majority of the trustees do not benefit as a beneficiary of the CIO CR [provided that it is available generally to the benefit as a benefit from the CIO as a benefit fr

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# 7. Conflicts of interest an A charity trustee must:

- (1) declare the nature and e has in a proposed transa or arrangement entered i and
- (2) absent himself or herself is possible that a conflict in the interests of the CIO any financial interest).

Any charity trustee absenting hir this clause must not vote or be charity trustees on the matter.

8. Liability of members to

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If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

# 9. Membership of the CIO

### (1) Admission of new mem

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- (iii) shall, if they decide applicant their reactaken, and give the refusal; and
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(2) Transfer of membershi Membership of the CIO cannot be

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- (4) Termination of member
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- (ii) any sum of money owed by the member to the CIO is not paid in full within six months of its falling due; or
- (iv) the charity trustees decide that it is in the best interests of the CIO that the member in question should be removed from membership, and pass a resolution to that effect.
- (b) Before the charity trustees take any decision to remove someone from membership of the CIO they must:
  - (i) inform the member of the reasons why it is proposed to remove him, her or it from membership;
  - (ii) give the member at least 21 clear days' notice in which to make representations to the charity trustees as to why he, she or it should not be removed from membership;
  - (iii) at a duly constituted meeting of the charity trustees, consider whether or not the member should be removed from membership;
  - (iv) consider at that meeting any representations which the member makes as to why the member should not be removed; and
  - (v) allow the member, or the member's representative to make those representations in person at that meeting, if the member so chooses.

### (5) Membership fees

The CIO may require members

### 10. Members' decisions

(1) General provision

Except for those decisions that r clause (3) of this clause, decisio general meeting as provided in s

(2) Taking ordinary

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(b) Any decision to wind up or dissolve the CIO must be taken in accordance with clause 29 of this constitution (Voluntary winding up or dissolution). Any decision to amalgamate or transfer the undertaking of the CIO to one or more other CIOs must be taken in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act 2011.

### 11. **General meetings of members**

### (1) Types of general meeting

- (a) There must be an annual general meeting (AGM) of the members of the CIO. The first AGM must be held within 18 months of the registration of the CIO, and subsequent AGMs must be held at intervals of not more than 15 months. The AGM must receive the annual statement of accounts (duly audited or examined where applicable) and the trustees' annual report, and must elect trustees as required under clause 13.
- (b) Other general meetings of the members of the CIO may be held at any
- All general meetings must be held in accordance with the following (c) provisions.

### **(2)** Calling general meetings

- (a) The charity trustees:
  - (i) must call the annual general meeting of the members of the CIO in accordance with sub-clause (1) of this clause, and identify it as such in the notice of the meeting; and
  - (ii) may call any other general meeting of the members at any time.

(b) The charity truste call a general meeting of the members of the C m at least 10% of the members they recei (i) of the CIC re of the business to be dealt (ii) the reque with at the icated by the member(s) making th

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- (e) A resolution may only properly be proposed if it is lawful, and is not defamatory, frivolous or vexatious.
- (f) Any general meeting called by the charity trustees at the request of the members of the CIO must be held within 28 days from the date on which it is called.
- (g) If the charity trustees fail to comply with this obligation to call a general meeting at the request of its members, then the members who requested the meeting may themselves call a general meeting.
- (h) A general meeting called in this way must be held not more than 3 months after the date when the members first requested the meeting.
- (i) The CIO must reimburse any reasonable expenses incurred by the members calling a general meeting by reason of the failure of the charity trustees to duly call the meeting, but the CIO shall be entitled to be indemnified by the charity trustees who were responsible for such failure.

### (3) Notice of general meetings

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- (a) The charity trustees, or, as the case may be, the relevant members of the CIO, must give at least 14 clear days' notice of any general meeting to all of the members, and to any charity trustee of the CIO who is not a member.
- (b) If it is agreed by not less than 90% of all members of the CIO, any resolution may be proposed and passed at the meeting even though the requirements of sub-clause (3) (a) of this clause have not been met. This sub-clause does not apply where a specified period of notice is strictly required by another clause in this constitution, by the Charities Act 2011 or by the General Regulations.



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- (d) Proof that an envelope containing a notice was properly addressed, prepaid and posted; or that an electronic form of notice was properly addressed and sent, shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given. Notice shall be deemed to be given 48 hours after it was posted or sent.
- (e) The proceedings of a meeting shall not be invalidated because a member who was entitled to receive notice of the meeting did not receive it because of accidental omission by the CIO.

### (4) Chairing of general meetings

The person nominated as chair by the charity trustees under clause 19(2) (Chairing of meetings), shall, if present at the general meeting and willing to act, preside as chair of the meeting. Subject to that, the members of the CIO who are present at a general meeting shall elect a chairman to preside at the meeting.

### (5) Quorum at general meetings

- (a) No business may be transacted at any general meeting of the members of the CIO unless a quorum is present when the meeting starts.
- (b) Subject to the following provisions, the quorum for general meetings shall be the greater of [5%] or [three] members] members.
- (c) If the meeting has been called by or at the request of the members and a quorum is not present within 15 minutes of the starting time specified in the notice of the meeting, the meeting is closed.

(d) If the meeting has been called in any other way and a quorum is not

present within 15 meeting, the chai which the meeting be notified to the date on which it v

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(f) If at any time duri meeting may disc but may not make made by a meeting n ceases to be present, the commendations to the trustees ons are required which must be neeting must be adjourned.

### (6) Voting at general meeti

(a) Any decision other must be taken in votes cast at the

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(b) A resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided on a show of hands.

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(d) Any objection to t meeting at which meeting shall be ter must be raised at the decision of the chair of the

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### 12. Charity trustees

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- (b) The maximum nu not appoint any c would exceed the

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### 13. Appointment of charity

- (1) At every annual g the charity trusted trustees is not thr one-third shall ret or she shall retire
- (2) The charity truste longest in office s trustees were las retire shall (unles determined by lot
- (3) The vacancies so the annual gener meeting may be f
- (4) The members or new charity truste or been removed of charity trustees limit specified in as a result be exception.

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(5) A person so apport accordance with a person so appoint of the next annual appointment, and which of the char

14. Information for new charles the charity trustees will make a her first appointment:

- (a) a copy of this cor
- (b) a copy of the CIC accounts.

### 15. Retirement and remova

- (1) A charity trustee ceases
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  - (b) is absent without meetings held wit his or her office b
  - (c) dies;
  - (d) in the written oping practitioner treating incapable of acting three months;
  - (e) is removed by the this clause; or
  - (f) is disqualified from 180 of the Chariti modification of th
- (2) A charity trustee shall be is proposed at a meeting clear days' notice and at meeting are in favour of vote on that decision or k
- (3) A decision to remove a c take effect unless the inc notice in writing of the pr

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specifying the circumstances alleged to justify removal from office, and has been given a reasonable opportunity of making oral and/or written representations to the other charity trustees.

### 16. Reappointment of charity trustees

Any person who retires as a charity trustee by rotation or by giving notice to the CIO is eligible for reappointment. [A charity trustee who has served for [three] consecutive terms may not be reappointed for a [fourth] consecutive term but may be reappointed after an interval of at least [three years].]

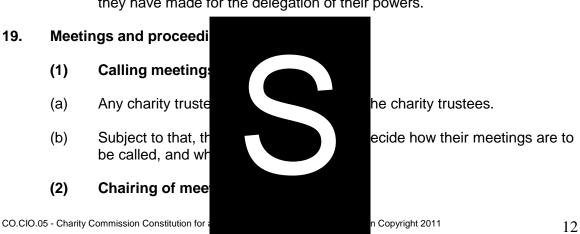
### 17. Taking of decisions by charity trustees

Any decision may be taken either:

- at a meeting of the charity trustees; or
- by resolution in writing or electronic form agreed by all of the charity trustees, which may comprise either a single document or several documents containing the text of the resolution in like form to each of which one or more charity trustees has signified their agreement.

### 18. Delegation by charity trustees

- (1) The charity trustees may delegate any of their powers or functions to a committee or committees, and, if they do, they must determine the terms and conditions on which the delegation is made. The charity trustees may at any time alter those terms and conditions, or revoke the delegation.
- (2) This power is in addition to the power of delegation in the General Regulations and any other power of delegation available to the charity trustees, but is subject to the following requirements:
  - (a) a committee may consist of two or more persons, but at least one member of each committee must be a charity trustee;
  - the acts and proceedings of any committee must be brought to the attention of the charity trustees as a whole as soon as is reasonably practicable; and
  - (c) the charity trustees shall from time to time review the arrangements which they have made for the delegation of their powers.



The charity trustees may appoint one of their number to chair their meetings and may at any time revoke such appointment. If no-one has been so appointed, or if the person appointed is unwilling to preside or is not present within 10 minutes after the time of the meeting, the charity trustees present may appoint one of their number to chair that meeting.

### (3) Procedure at meetings

- (a) No decision shall be taken at a meeting unless a quorum is present at the time when the decision is taken. The quorum is [two] charity trustees, or the number nearest to [one third] of the total number of charity trustees, whichever is greater or such larger number as the charity trustees may decide from time to time. A charity trustee shall not be counted in the quorum present when any decision is made about a matter upon which he or she is not entitled to vote.
- (b) Questions arising at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of those eligible to vote.
- [(c) In the case of an equality of votes, the chair shall have a second or casting vote.]

### (4) Participation in meetings by electronic means

- (a) A meeting may be held by suitable electronic means agreed by the charity trustees in which each participant may communicate with all the other participants.
- (b) Any charity trustee participating at a meeting by suitable electronic means agreed by the charity trustees in which a participant or participants may communicate with all the other participants shall qualify as being present at the meeting.
- (c) Meetings held by electronic means must comply with rules for meetings, including chairing and the taking of minutes.

# 20. Saving provisions

(1) Subject to sub-clause (2) of this clause, all decisions of the charity trustees, or of a committee of charity trustees, shall be valid notwithstanding the participation in convente of a charity trustee:

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- if, without the vote of that charity trustee and that charity trustee being counted in the quorum, the decision has been made by a majority of the charity trustees at a quorate meeting.
- (2) Sub-clause (1) of this clause does not permit a charity trustee to keep any benefit that may be conferred upon him or her by a resolution of the charity trustees or of a committee of charity trustees if, but for clause (1), the resolution would have been void, or if the charity trustee has not complied with clause 7 (Conflicts of interest).

### 21. Execution of documents

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- (1) The CIO shall execute documents by signature.
- (2) A document is validly executed by signature if it is signed by at least two of the charity trustees.

### 22. Use of electronic communications

The CIO will comply with the requirements of the Communications Provisions in the General Regulations and in particular:

- (a) the requirement to provide within 21 days to any member on request a hard copy of any document or information sent to the member otherwise than in hard copy form;
- (b) any requirements to provide information to the Commission in a particular form or manner.

### 23. Keeping of Registers The CIO must comply with its obral Regulations in relation to the keeping of, and provision of members and charity trustees. 24. Minutes The charity trustees must keep i (1) appointments of officers ees; (2)proceedings at general n (3) meetings of the charity tr f charity trustees including: the names of the trus the decisions made a where appropriate th ns: (4) decisions made by the cl than in meetings. 25. Accounting records, ad and returns, register maintenance

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- (1) The charity trustees must comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 with regard to the keeping of accounting records, to the preparation and scrutiny of statements of accounts, and to the preparation of annual reports and returns. The statements of accounts, reports and returns must be sent to the Charity Commission, regardless of the income of the CIO, within 10 months of the financial year end.
- (2) The charity trustees must comply with their obligation to inform the Commission within 28 days of any change in the particulars of the CIO entered on the Central Register of Charities.

### 26. Rules

The charity trustees may from time to time make such reasonable and proper rules or bye laws as they may deem necessary or expedient for the proper conduct and management of the CIO, but such rules or bye laws must not be inconsistent with any provision of this constitution. Copies of any such rules or bye laws currently in force must be made available to any member of the CIO on request.

### 27. Disputes

If a dispute arises between members of the CIO about the validity or propriety of anything done by the members under this constitution, and the dispute cannot be resolved by agreement, the parties to the dispute must first try in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation before resorting to litigation.

### 28. Amendment of constitution

As provided by clauses 224-227 of the Obstition Act 2011

- (1) This constitution
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- (2) Any alteration of dissolution), this oprovide authorisa members of the 0 written consent of
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# 29. Voluntary winding up or dissolution

- (1) As provided by the Dissolution Regulations, the CIO may be dissolved by resolution of its members. Any decision by the members to wind up or dissolve the CIO can only be made:
  - (a) at a general meeting of the members of the CIO called in accordance with clause 11 (Meetings of Members), of which not less than 14 days' notice has been given to those eligible to attend and vote:
    - (i) by a resolution passed by a 75% majority of those voting, or
    - (ii) by a resolution passed by decision taken without a vote and without any expression of dissent in response to the question put to the general meeting; or
  - (b) by a resolution agreed in writing by all members of the CIO.
- (2) Subject to the payment of all the CIO's debts:
  - (a) Any resolution for the winding up of the CIO, or for the dissolution of the CIO without winding up, may contain a provision directing how any remaining assets of the CIO shall be applied.
  - (b) If the resolution does not contain such a provision, the charity trustees must decide how any remaining assets of the CIO shall be applied.

(c) In either case the purposes the san of the control of the CIO.

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(4) If the CIO is to be wound up or dissolved in any other circumstances, the provisions of the Dissolution Regulations must be followed.

### 30. Interpretation

In this constitution:

### "connected person" means:

- (a) a child, parent, grandchild, grandparent, brother or sister of the charity trustee:
- (b) the spouse or civil partner of the charity trustee or of any person falling within sub- clause (a) above;
- (c) a person carrying on business in partnership with the charity trustee or with any person falling within sub-clause (a) or (b) above;
- (d) an institution which is controlled:
  - (i) by the charity trustee or any connected person falling within subclause (a), (b), or (c) above; or
  - (ii) by two or more persons falling within sub-clause (d)(i), when taken together
- (e) a body corporate in which:

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