

Guidance Note: Adapted CIO Constitutions

The first part of this note below relates to the Charity Commission's Model constitution.

The second part below relates to the Charity Commission's Model constitution.

Foundation

Introduction

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The following is intended to explain the changes and why it might suit a charity better than the original Model.

Notes Clause by Clause

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 - c) receiving rent for premises; or
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20 The provisions for use of the seal have been removed from this version on the assumption that most charities will not wish to use a seal.

29 The Appendix included a provision for a poll but this version does not include any provision for a poll. The definition of “poll” in this version of the template has been removed because it is superfluous in this adapted version.

Appendix Inclusion of the provisions relating to postal voting has been removed. We have removed it in its entirety from the adapted version as any charities will not need to make use of the facilities for postal voting by members, and for communications between members, trustees and the charity.

Association Model CIO.05

Introduction

The CIO Constitution (Association Model) is based on, and adapted from, the Charity Commission (Association) Model (“Model”) which is also in this subfolder.

For ease of reference, all of the changes made in this version are marked up in that way in the original Model.

The following is intended to explain each difference and reasons why it might suit a charity better than the original Model.

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3. These words have been changed to reflect that they are only relevant to a CIO in Northern Ireland or Scotland as they are intended only for a charity established in England and Wales.

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9(1)9a) The changes slightly restrict the definition of “individual” so that only an individual can be a member. The changes in “9” reflect that limitation on type of member.

9(5) The deletion assumes that there will be a class of “non-voting” members in addition to the voting members. See the explanation at “17” in the notes about the Fo

- 10 The deletions simplify methods. See the explanation at “17” in the notes above the Model above
- 10.3 The provision about re has been deleted since it is already adequately covered in the document.
- 11.5(b) The deletion reflects that the adapted version only permits individuals to be members.
- 11.6(a) The deletion reflects that the adapted version neither permits proxy or postal votes, nor the use of members.
- 11.6(b) For simplicity, the facility has been removed.
- 11.7 The deletion reflects that the adapted version only permits individuals to be members.
- 12.2(d) This adaptation adds to the adapted version to require all trustees to be over the age of 18, a requirement that many charities will wish to impose.
- 12.3 See the explanation under 12.2 about the Foundation Model above .
- 13 To simplify the provisions about trustees and as to how many trustees, and when trustees can be removed, the option in the Model for ex officio and nominated trustees has been removed. This version will be adequate for many charities.
- 15 The adapted version permits a charity to remove a member rather than for the members to remove a trustee, which many charities better.
21. The provisions for use of the seal have been removed on the assumption that most CIOs will not use a seal.
- 30 The Appendix included in the adapted version does not include any provisions for a poll but this version does not include any provision for a poll. The definition of “poll” in this version of the template has been removed because it is superfluous in this adapted version.
- Appendix Inclusion of the Appendix is optional. We have removed it in its entirety from the adapted version as many charities will not need to make use of the facilities for proxy and postal voting by members, and for communications between members, trustees and the charity.