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MEMORANDUM  
AND ARTICLES  
OF ASSOCIATION

COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE, ROCHDALE

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COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE, ROCHDALE

1. The Company's name is "COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE, ROCHDALE".

2. The Company's registered office is to be situated in England or Wales.

3. The Company's objects are:-

(a) (1) To promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the communities within Greater Manchester hereinafter called "the area of benefit", and in particular the advancement of education, the furtherance of health and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness and to provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreational and other leisure-time activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said community.

(2) To promote and organise co-operation in the achievement of the above purposes and to that end to bring together representatives of the statutory authorities and voluntary organisations engaged in the furtherance of the above purposes within the area of benefit.

(b) In furtherance of the purposes hereinbefore defined, but not further or otherwise, the Company may:-

(1) Assist, by co-ordination and fundraising, local voluntary organisations who are concerned with the relief of distress arising from disasters, natural or man-made.

(2) Assist any charitable body or bodies financially or otherwise in the furtherance of the above purposes or any of them.

(3) Obtain, collect and receive money and funds by way of contribution, donations, affiliation fees, subscriptions, legacies, grants or any other lawful method, and accept and receive gifts of property of any description (whether subject to any special trusts or not) for or towards the above purposes or any of them.

(4) Act as Trustee and undertake or accept any trusts or obligations which are charitable in furtherance of the purposes of the Company and in particular, if so authorised by the Lord Chancellor, act as a trust corporation as defined in Section 2 of the Law of Property (Amendment) Act 1926, and as a custodian trustee under Section 4 of the Public Trustee Act 1906 and the Public Trustee (Custodian Trustee) Rules 1971 or any rules amending or replacing them.

(5) Act as a housing association within the meaning of Section 189 of the Housing Act 1957.

(6) Invest any money subject or representing property subject to the jurisdiction of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, in or upon any investments authorised by law for the investment of trust funds and with such sanction as may be required by law with respect to moneys subject to such jurisdiction.

(7) Subject to the provisions of paragraph 5 of this sub-clause, invest and deal with moneys of the Company not immediately required in such manner as may from time to time be determined.

(8) Purchase, take on lease, or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire real or personal property and rights and privileges and to construct, maintain and alter buildings and erections.

(9) Borrow or raise money upon such terms and upon such security as may be thought fit.

(10) Sell, let, mortgage or turn to account all or any of the property or assets of the Company.

(11) Procure to be written and print, publish, issue and circulate gratuitously or otherwise any report or periodicals, books, pamphlets, leaflets, or other documents in furtherance of the above purposes of the Company or any of them.

(12) Arrange and hold either alone or with others exhibitions, meetings, lectures and classes to further the above purposes of the Company or any of them.

(13) Foster and undertake research into any aspect of the objects of the Company and its work and disseminate the results of any such research.

(14) Provide evidence for government and other enquiries.

(15) Co-operate and enter into arrangements with any authorities, national, local or otherwise, and obtain from any such authorities any rights, privileges and concessions.

(16) Transfer or dispose of, with or without valuable consideration, any part of the property or assets of the Company not required for the purposes for which it is formed to any bodies established for exclusively charitable purposes.

(17) Join in consultation or co-operation with any body or bodies for any charitable object or objects, affiliate with or become affiliated to any body or bodies in furtherance of any charitable purpose, and federate or amalgamate with any body or bodies established for exclusively charitable purposes.

(18) Subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, employ and pay officers and other persons or bodies whose services are required or deemed expedient for furthering any of the purposes of the Company.

(19) Make all reasonable and necessary provisions for the payment of pensions and superannuation to or on behalf of employees, or ex-employees, and their widows and other dependants.

(20) Do all such other lawful things as are necessary to the attainment or furtherance of the above objects or any of them.

And throughout this clause the word "body" includes any association, institution or aggregate of persons, whether incorporated or unincorporated, and whether of a voluntary nature or otherwise and unless inconsistent with the context words importing the plural include the singular and vice-versa.

4. (a) Provided always that in case the Company shall take or hold any property subject to the jurisdiction of the Charity Commissioners of England and Wales, the Company shall not sell, mortgage, charge or lease the same without such authority, approval or consent as may be required by law, and as regards any such property the Executive Committee or other governing body shall be chargeable for such property as may come into their hands and shall be answerable and accountable for their own acts, receipts, neglects and defaults, and for the due administration of such property in the same manner and to the same extent as they would as such Executive Committee or governing body have been if no incorporation had been effected, and the incorporation of the Company shall not diminish or impair any control or authority exercisable by the Chancery Division or the Charity Commissioners over such Executive Committee or governing body, but they shall, as regards any such property, be subject jointly and separately to such control or authority as if the Company were not incorporated. In case the Company shall take or hold any property which may be subject to any trusts, the Company shall only deal with the same in such manner as allowed by law having regard to such trusts.

(b) The objects of the Company shall not extend to the regulation of relations between workers and employers or organisations of workers and organisations of employers.

5. The income and property of the Company shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects as set forth in this Memorandum of Association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to members of the Company, and no member of the Board of Directors or governing body shall be appointed to any office of the Company paid by salary or fees or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the Company.

Provided that nothing herein shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Company.

(a) of reasonable and proper remuneration to any member, officer or servant of the Company (not being a member of its Board of Directors or Governing Body) for any service rendered to the Company;

(b) of interest on money lent by any member of the Company or of its Board of Directors or Governing Body at a rate per annum, not exceeding 2 per cent less than the base rate for the time being of a clearing bank to be selected by Board of Directors or Governing Body;

(c) of reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any member of the Company or of its Board of Directors or Governing Body;

(d) of fees, remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth to a company of which a member of the Board of Directors or Governing Body may be a member holding not more than 1/100<sup>th</sup> part of the capital of that company;

(e) to any member of its Board of Directors or Governing Body for any out-of-pocket expenses.

6. No addition, alteration or amendment shall be made to provisions of the Memorandum and Articles of Association for the time being in force unless the same shall have been previously submitted to and approved by the Charity Commissioners.

7. The liability of the Members is limited.

8. Every Member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company in the event of the same being wound up during the time that he / she is a Member or within one year after he / she ceases to be a Member for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before he / she ceases to be a Member and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories amongst themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding one pound.

9. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Company there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Board, but shall be given or transferred to some other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Company, and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property amongst its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Company under or by virtue of Clause 5 hereof, such institution or institutions to be determined by the Members of the Company at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provision then to some other charitable object.

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF

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#### INTERPRETATION

1. In these Articles:-

"the Act" means the Companies Act, 1985.

"the Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.

"the seal" means the common seal of the Company.

"secretary" means any person appointed to perform the duties of the secretary of the Company.

"the United Kingdom" means Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Expressions referring to writing shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including references to printing, lithography, photography, and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form.

Unless the context otherwise requires, words or expressions contained in these Articles shall bear the same meaning as in the Act or any statutory modification thereof in force at the date at which these Articles become binding on the Company.

#### OBJECTS

2. The Company is established for the objects expressed in the Memorandum of Association.

## MEMBERS

3. The subscribers to the Memorandum of Association and such other persons as the Board shall admit to membership shall be members of the Company. Every member of the Company shall either sign a written consent to become a member or sign the register of members on becoming a member.

4. Unless the members of the Board or the Company in General Meeting shall make other provision pursuant to the powers contained in Article 68, the members of the Board may in their absolute discretion permit any member of the Company to retire, provided (regardless of any other provision pursuant to Article 68) that after such retirement the number of members is not less than three.

## GENERAL MEETINGS

5. The Company shall in each year hold a General Meeting as its Annual General Meeting in addition to any other meetings in that year, and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling it; and not more than fifteen months shall elapse between the date of one Annual General Meeting of the Company and that of the next. Provided that so long as the Company holds its first Annual General Meeting within eighteen months of its incorporation, it need not hold it in the year of its incorporation or in the following year. The Annual General Meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Board shall appoint. All General Meetings other than Annual General Meetings shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings.

6. The Board may, whenever they think fit, convene an Extraordinary General Meeting, and Extraordinary General Meetings shall also be convened on such requisition, or, in default, may be convened by such requisitionists, as provided by Section 368 of the Act. If at any time there are not within the United Kingdom sufficient members of the Board capable of acting to form a quorum, any member of the Board or any two members of the Company may convene an Extraordinary General Meeting in the same manner as nearly as possible as that in which meetings may be convened by the Board.

## NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

7. An Annual General Meeting and a meeting called for the passing of a special resolution shall be called by twenty-one days' notice in writing at the least, and a meeting of the Company other than an Annual General Meeting or a meeting for the passing of a special resolution shall be called by fourteen days' notice in writing at the least. The notice shall be exclusive of the day on which it is served or deemed to be served and of the day for which it is given, and shall specify the place, the day and the hour of the meeting and, in case of special business, the general nature of that business and shall be given, in manner hereinafter mentioned or in such other manner, if any, as may be prescribed by the Company in general meeting, to such persons as are, under the Articles of the Company, entitled to receive such notices from the Company:

Provided that a meeting of the Company shall, notwithstanding that it is called by shorter notice than that specified in this Article be deemed to have been duly called if it is so agreed:-

(a) in the case of a meeting called as the Annual General Meeting, by all the members entitled to attend and vote thereat; and

(b) in the case of any other meeting, by a majority in number of the members having a right to attend and vote at the meeting, being a majority together representing not less than ninety-five per cent of the total voting rights at the meeting of all the members.

8. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

#### PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

9. All business shall be deemed special that is transacted at an Extraordinary General Meeting, and also all that is transacted at an Annual General Meeting, with the exception of the consideration of the accounts, balance sheets, and the reports of the Board and auditors, the election of members of the Board in the place of those retiring and the appointment of, and the fixing of the remuneration, of the auditors.

10. No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business; save as herein otherwise provided, three members present in person or one-twentieth of the membership, whichever shall be the greater shall be a quorum. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon requisition of members, shall be dissolved; in any case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place, or to such other day and at such other time and place as the Board may determine.

11. The chair, if any, of the Board shall preside as chair at every General Meeting of the Company, or if there is no such chair, or if he / she shall not be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or is unwilling to act the members of the Board present shall elect one of their number to be chair of the meeting.

12. If at any meeting no member of the Board is willing to act as chair or if no member of the Board is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present shall choose one of their number to be chair of the meeting.

13. The chair may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. When a meeting is adjourned for thirty days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an ordinary meeting. Save as aforesaid it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.



14. At any General Meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded:-

(a) by the chair; or

(b) by at least two members present in person or by proxy; or

(c) by any member or members present in person or by proxy and representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at the meeting.

Unless a poll be so demanded a declaration by the chair that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of proceedings of the Company shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution.

The demand for a poll may be withdrawn.

15. Except as provided in Article 17, if a poll is duly demanded it shall be taken in such manner as the chair directs, and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.

16. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chair of the meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at which the poll is demanded, shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

17. A poll demanded on the election of a chair, or on a question of adjournment, shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time as the chair of the meeting directs, and any business other than that upon which a poll has been demanded may be proceeded with pending the taking of the poll.

18. Subject to the provisions of the Act a resolution in writing signed by all the members for the time being entitled to receive notice of and to attend and vote at General Meetings (or being corporations by their duly authorised representatives) shall be as valid and effective as if the same had been passed at a general meeting of the Company duly convened and held.

#### VOTES OF MEMBERS

19. Every member shall have one vote.

20. A member of unsound mind, or in respect of whom an order has been made by any court having jurisdiction in lunacy, may vote, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, by his / her committee, receiver, curator bonis or other person in the nature of a committee, receiver, or curator bonis appointed by that court, and any such committee, receiver, curator bonis or other person may, on a poll, vote by proxy.

21. No member shall be entitled to vote at any General Meeting unless all moneys presently payable by him to the Company have been paid.

22. On a poll votes may be given either personally or by proxy.

23. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his / her attorney duly authorised in writing, or, if the appointor is a corporation, either under seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.

24. The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority shall be deposited at the registered office of the Company or at such other place within the United Kingdom as is specified for that purpose in the notice convening the meeting, not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote, or, in the case of a poll, not less than 24 hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll, and in default the instrument of proxy shall not be treated as valid.

25. An instrument appointing a proxy shall be in the following form or a form as near thereto as circumstances admit:-

“

I / We                      of                      in the County of                      being a  
member / members of the above named Company, hereby appoint                      of  
   or failing him                      of                      as my / our proxy to vote  
for me / us on my / our behalf at the (Annual or Extraordinary, as the case may be)  
General Meeting of the Company to be held on the                      day of                      20  
and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed this                      day of                      20 .”

26. Where it is desired to afford members an opportunity of voting for or against a resolution the instrument appointing a proxy shall be in the following form or a form as near thereto as circumstances admit:-

“

I / We                      of                      in the County of                      being a  
member / members of the above named Company, hereby appoint                      of  
   or failing him                      of                      as my / our proxy to vote  
for me / us on my / our behalf at the (Annual or Extraordinary, as the case may be)  
General Meeting of the Company to be held on the                      day of                      20  
and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed this                      day of                      20 .”

This form is to be used \*in favour of / against the resolution

Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy will vote as he / she thinks fit.

\*Strike out whichever is not desired

27. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll.

28. A vote given in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death or insanity of the principal or revocation of the proxy or of the authority under which the proxy was executed, provided that no intimation in writing of such death, insanity or revocation as aforesaid shall have been received by the Company at the office before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the proxy is used.

#### CORPORATIONS ACTING BY REPRESENTATIVES AT MEETINGS

29. Any corporation which is a member of the Company may by resolution of its Board or other governing body authorise such person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any meeting of the Company, and the person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the corporation which he / she represents as that corporation could exercise if it were an individual member of the Company.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

30. The number of members of the Board shall be determined by the Company in General Meeting, but shall not exceed fifteen and the minimum number of Board members shall be three.

31. The members of the Board shall be paid reasonable travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by them in attending and returning from meetings of the Board or any committee of the Board or general meetings of the Company or in connection with the business of the Company, subject to the approval of the Board.

#### BORROWING POWERS

32. The Board may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money, and to mortgage or charge its undertaking and property, or any part thereof, and to issue debentures, debenture stock and other securities, whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party subject to such consents as may be required by law.

#### POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD

33. (a) The business of the Company shall be managed by the Board, who may pay all expenses incurred in promoting and registering the Company, and may exercise all such powers of the Company as are not, by the Act or by these articles, required to be exercised by the Company in General Meeting, subject nevertheless to the provisions of the Act or these Articles and to such regulations, being not inconsistent with the aforesaid provisions, as may be prescribed by the Company in General Meeting; but no regulation made by the Company in General Meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Board which would have been valid if that regulation had not been made.

(b) In the exercise of the aforesaid powers and in the management of the business of the Company, the members of the Board shall always be mindful that they are charity trustees within the definition of Section 46 of the Charities Act 1960 as the persons having the general control and management of the administration of a charity.

34. All cheques, promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments, and all receipts for moneys paid to the Company, shall be signed drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed, as the case may be, in such manner as the Board shall from time to time by resolution determine.

35. The Board shall cause minutes to be made in books provided for the purpose:-

(a) of all appointments of officers made by the Board;

(b) of the names of the members of the Board present at each meeting of the Board and of any committee of the Board;

(c) of all resolutions and proceedings at all meetings of the Company, and of the Board and of the committees of the Board.

#### DISQUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

36. The office of member of the Board shall be vacated if the member:-

(a) becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his / her creditors generally; or

(b) becomes prohibited from being a member of the Board by reason of any order made under Section 300 of the Act or an order made under any provision of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986; or

(c) becomes incapable by reason of mental disorder, illness or injury of managing and administering his / her property and affairs; or

(d) resigns his / her office by notice in writing to the Company; or

(e) is directly or indirectly interested in any contract with the Company and fails to declare the nature of his/ her interest in manner required by Section 317 of the Act.

37. A member of the Board shall not vote in respect of any contract in which he / she is interested or any matter arising thereout, and if he / she does so vote his/ her vote shall not be counted.

#### ROTATION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

38. At the first Annual General Meeting of the Company all the members of the Board shall retire from office, and at the Annual General Meeting in every subsequent year one-third of the members of the Board for the time being or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest one-third shall retire from office.

39. The members of the Board to retire in every year shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election, but as between persons who became members of the Board on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot.

40. A retiring member of the Board shall be eligible for re-election.

41. The Company at the meeting at which a member of the Board retires in manner aforesaid may fill the vacated office by electing a person thereto, and in default the retiring member of the Board shall, if offering himself / herself for re-election, be deemed to have been re-elected, unless at such meeting it is expressly resolved not to fill such vacated office or unless a resolution for the re-election of such member of the Board shall have been put to the meeting and lost.

42. No person, other than a retiring member of the Board, unless recommended by the Board, shall be eligible for election to the Board at any General Meeting, unless written notice is left at the registered office of the Company, not less than five working days or more than twenty-one working days, prior to the General Meeting. This notice must be signed by a Member qualified to attend and vote at the General Meeting and also signed by the nominee.

43. The Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution increase or reduce the number of members of the Board, and may also determine in what rotation the increased or reduced number is to go out of office.

44. The Board shall have power at any time, and from time to time, to appoint any person to be a member of the Board, either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing members of the Board, but so that the total number of members of the Board shall not at any time exceed any maximum number fixed in accordance with these Articles. Any member of the Board so appointed shall hold office only until the next following Annual General Meeting, and shall then be eligible for re-election, but shall not be taken into account in determining the members of the Board who are to retire by rotation at such meeting.

45. The Company may by ordinary resolution, of which special notice has been given in accordance with Section 379 of the Act, remove any member of the Board before the expiration of his / her period of office notwithstanding anything in these Articles or in any agreement between the Company and such member of the Board.

46. The Company may by ordinary resolution appoint another person in place of a member of the Board removed from office under the immediately preceding Article. Without prejudice to the powers of the Board under Article 44 the Company in General Meeting may appoint any person to be a member of the Board either to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional member of the Board. The person appointed to fill such a vacancy shall be subject to retirement at the same time as if he / she had become a member of the Board on the day on which the member of the Board in whose place he / she is appointed was last elected a member of the Board.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD

47. The Board may meet together for the despatch of business, adjourn, and otherwise regulate their meetings, as they think fit. Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes the chair shall have a second or casting vote. A member of the Board may, and the secretary on the requisition of a member of the Board shall, at any time summon a meeting of the Board. It shall not be necessary to give notice of a meeting of the Board to any member of the Board for the time being absent from the United Kingdom.

48. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Board may be fixed by the Board, and unless so fixed shall be three and in any event shall never be less than three.

49. The continuing members of the Board may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body, but, if and so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed by or pursuant to the Articles of the Company as the necessary quorum of members of the Board, the continuing members or member of the Board may act for the purpose of increasing the number of members of the Board to that number, or of summoning a General Meeting of the Company, but for no other purpose.

50. The Board may elect a chair of their meetings and determine the period for which he / she is to hold office; but, if no such chair is elected, or if at any meeting the chair is not present within five minutes after the time appointed for holding he / she same, the members of the Board present may choose one of their number to be chair of the meeting.

51. The Board may delegate any of their powers to committees consisting of such majority of members of their body as they think fit; any committee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the Board and shall report all acts and proceedings to the Board as soon as is reasonably practicable.

52. A committee may elect a chair of its meetings; if no such chair is elected, or if at any meeting the chair is not present within five minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, the members present may choose one of their number to be chair of the meeting.

53. A committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present, and in the case of an equality of votes the chair shall have a second or casting vote.

54. All acts done by any meeting of the Board or of a committee of the Board, or by any person acting as a member of the Board, shall notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such member of the Board or person acting as aforesaid, or that they or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a member of the Board.

55. A resolution in writing, signed by all the members of the Board for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the Board, shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Board duly convened and held.

## SECRETARY

56. Subject to Section 13(5) of the Act, the secretary shall be appointed by the Board for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as the Board may think fit; and any secretary so appointed may be removed by it: Provided always that no member of the Board may occupy the salaried position of secretary.

57. A provision of the Act or these Articles requiring or authorising a thing to be done by or to a member of the Board and the secretary shall not be satisfied by its being done by or to the same person acting both as member of the Board and as, or in place of, the secretary.

## THE SEAL

58. The Board shall provide for the safe custody of the seal, which shall only be used by the authority of the Board or of a committee of the Board authorised by the Board in that behalf, and every instrument to which the seal shall be affixed shall be signed by a member of the Board and shall be countersigned by the secretary or by a second member of the Board or by some other person appointed by the Board for the purpose.

## ACCOUNTS

59. The Board shall cause accounting records to be kept in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

60. The accounting records shall be kept at the registered office of the Company or, subject to the provisions of the Act, at such other place or places as the Board thinks fit, and shall always be open to the inspection of the officers of the Company.

61. The Board shall from time to time determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places and under what conditions or regulations the accounts and books of the Company or any of them shall be open to the inspection of members not being members of the Board, and no member (not being a member of the Board) shall have any right of inspecting any account or book or document of the Company except as conferred by statute or authorised by the Board or by the Company in General Meeting.

62. The Board shall from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Act, cause to be prepared and to be laid before the Company in General Meeting such profit and loss accounts, balance sheets, group accounts (if any) and reports as are referred to in those provisions.

63. A copy of every balance sheet (including every document required by law to be annexed thereto) which is to be laid before the Company in General Meeting, together with a copy of the auditor's report, and Board's report, shall not less than twenty-one days before the date of the meeting be sent to every member of, and every holder of debentures of, the Company. Provided that this article shall not require a copy of those documents to be sent to any person of whose address the Company is not aware or to more than one of the joint holders of any debentures.

## AUDIT

64. Auditors shall be appointed and their duties regulated in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

## NOTICES

65. A notice may be given by the Company to any member either personally or by sending it by post to him or to his / her registered address, or (if he / she has no registered address within the United Kingdom) to the address, if any, within the United Kingdom supplied by him to the Company for the giving of notice to him. Where a notice is sent by post, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, prepaying and posting a letter containing the notice, and to have been effected in the case of a notice of a meeting at the expiration of 24 hours after the letter containing the same is posted, and in any other case at the time at which the letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of post.

66. Notice of every general meeting shall be given in any manner hereinbefore authorised to:-

(a) every member except those members who (having no registered address within the United Kingdom) have not supplied to the Company an address within the United Kingdom for the giving of notices to them;

(b) every person being a legal personal representative or a trustee in bankruptcy of a member where the member but for his / her death or bankruptcy would be entitled to receive notice of the meeting;

(c) the auditor for the time being of the Company; and

(d) each member of the Board.

No other person shall be entitled to receive notices of General Meetings.

## DISSOLUTION

67. Clause 9 of the Memorandum of Association relating to the winding up and dissolution of the Company shall have effect as if the provisions thereof were repeated in these Articles.

## RULES OR BYE LAWS

68. (a) The Council may from time to time make such Rules or Bye Laws as it may deem necessary or expedient or convenient for the proper conduct and management of the Company and for the purposes of prescribing classes of and conditions of membership, and in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, it may by such Rules or Bye Laws regulate:-

(1) The admission and classification of members of the Company, and the rights and privileges of such members, and the conditions of membership and the terms on



which members may resign or have their membership terminated and the entrance fees, subscriptions and other fees or payments to be made by members.

(2) The conduct of members of the Company in relation to one another, and to the Company's servants.

(3) The setting aside of the whole or any part or parts of the Company's premises at any particular time or times or for any particular purpose or purposes.

(4) The procedure at general meetings and meetings of the Board and Committees of the Board in so far as such procedure is not regulated by these presents.

(5) And, generally, all such matters as are commonly the subject matter of Company rules.

The Company in General Meeting shall have power to alter or repeal the Rules or Bye Laws and to make additions thereto and the Board shall adopt such means as they deem sufficient to bring to the notice of members of the Company all such Rules or Bye Laws, which so long as they shall be in force, shall be binding on all members of the Company. Provided, nevertheless, that no Rule or Bye Law shall be inconsistent with, or shall affect or repeal anything contained in, the Memorandum or Articles of Association of the Company.

#### INDEMNITY

69. In the execution of his / her duties and the exercise of his / her rights in relation to the affairs of the Company (and without prejudice to any indemnity to which he / she may otherwise be entitled) every member of the Council shall be entitled to be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against any costs, losses, claims, actions or other liabilities suffered or incurred by him and arising by reason of any improper investment made by or for the Company in good faith (so long as he / she shall have sought professional advice before making or procuring the making of such investment) or by reason of any negligence or fraud of any agent engaged or employed by him in good faith (provided reasonable supervision shall have been exercised) notwithstanding the fact that the engagement or employment of such agent was strictly not necessary or by reason of any mistake or omission made in good faith by him or by reason of any other matter or thing other than deliberate fraud, wrongdoing or wrongful omission on the part of the member of the Board who is sought to be made liable. This clause shall only have effect insofar as it is not avoided by any provision of the Act.

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