



Notice of Special Resolutions

Requires 75% in favour to pass.

Special Resolution: Amendments the Articles of Association

To alter and make amendments to the Articles of Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise Ltd (SVE) for the members to approve the following Amendments to the Articles of SVE

Special Resolution 1

Amendment to Clause 12

Deletion of the use of "and its environs"

Rationale: This will provide clarification to where the members of the company should be delivering services, volunteering or residing to be eligible for SVE membership.

Deletion of the use of "community and voluntary"

Rationale: The term "Third Sector" is a now well-defined and widely recognised. It provides a clear, specific definition that includes a range of organisations, including those that might not explicitly use "community" or "voluntary" in their names or descriptions.

Additional wording added to Clause 12 C works and or volunteers

Rationale: this will provide clarification that both working and volunteering are valid ways of being involved as an individual member of SVE

Present Clause 12

Membership shall be open to:

- (a) any corporate body that is a **community/voluntary**/third sector organisation operating within the Stirling local authority area **and its environs** (as determined by the Board of Directors) which supports the aims of the company and meets the standards set out by the Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise Ltd (SVE) Board.
- (b) any individual who has been nominated for membership by and on behalf of an unincorporated body that is a **community/voluntary**/third sector organisation operating within the Stirling local authority area **and its environs** (as determined by the Board of Directors) which supports the aims of the company and meets the standards set out by the SVE Board.
- (c) any individual over the age of 16 who resides within the Stirling local authority area **and its environs** (as determined by the Board of



Directors) who supports the aims of the company and meets the standards set out by the SVE Board can apply to be accepted as an 'individual' or 'associate' member where individual or associate membership does not carry the right to vote at General Meetings or have any say in the running of or governance of the organisation. However 'individual' membership is a sufficient status for an individual to hold to be eligible to be elected or invited onto the Board of Directors of the organisation.

Clause 12 (Proposed Amendment):

2 Membership shall be open to:

- (a) any corporate body that is a third sector organisation operating within the Stirling local authority area (as determined by the Board of Directors) which supports the aims of the company and meets the standards set out by the Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise Ltd (SVE) Board.
- (b) any individual who has been nominated for membership by and on behalf of an unincorporated body that is a third sector organisation operating within the Stirling local authority area (as determined by the Board of Directors) which supports the aims of the company and meets the standards set out by the SVE Board.
- (c) any individual over the age of 16 who resides, works and or volunteers within the Stirling local authority area (as determined by the Board of Directors) who supports the aims of the company and meets the standards set out by the SVE Board can apply to be accepted as an 'individual' member where individual membership does not carry the right to vote at General Meetings or have any say in the running of or governance of the organisation. However 'individual' membership is a sufficient status for an individual to hold to be eligible to be elected or invited onto the Board of Directors of the organisation



Special Resolution 2

Application for membership

Amendment to Clauses 16 and 17 to provide clarification on procedure and process for applications for membership of SVE and to allow for expediency within the approval process.

Application for membership

- 16 The directors may, at their discretion, refuse to admit any person to membership.
- 17 Once applications (and accompanying remittance) have been received they are checked for completeness, and copies are sent to the directors for discussion and approval. The directors shall, within a reasonable time after receipt notify the applicant of their decision on the application and, if decision was to refuse admission, shall return to the applicant the remittance lodged by them under article 15.

Proposed amendments

16. Upon receipt of an application for membership, along with the accompanying remittance, the application shall be reviewed for completeness. The completed application shall then be submitted for consideration and approval by the appropriate authority, in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedures for Membership. The applicant shall be notified of the decision within a reasonable time after the application is received. If the application is refused, the remittance shall be returned to the applicant, as stipulated under Article 15.

17. If it is determined that the application does not meet the criteria established by the Board of Directors in Clauses 12 to 14, or if there is any doubt regarding the eligibility of the applicant, the application shall be referred to the Board of Directors. The Board, at its discretion, may refuse admission to any person or entity. The decision of the Board of Directors in this matter shall be final.

Next steps

Upon the successful approval of these proposed amendments and clarification the process will be;

Insertion of Amendments: Once approved, the amendments to the Articles of Association will be formally inserted into the document.



Numbering and Referencing: Each approved amendment will be aligned with the present document with the appropriate reference numbers.

Publication and Distribution: The updated Articles of Association, complete with the approved amendments and the new clause numbers will be submitted to both Companies House and the Office of the Charity Regulator (OSCR) and published on our website sventerprise.org.uk

If you have any questions or require further information about the proposed amendments or the process of incorporating them into the Articles of Association, please don't hesitate to contact us.