

16<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Annex 2

Dear Trustees

The sub-committee looking at changes to the Governing Document have hit a problem which is stopping us being able to draft the changes or draft a letter to the Charity Commission asking for permission for changes to the constitution.

At our meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022 the length of term of office for trustees was discussed. It was suggested that Trustees serve for two years rather than the current one. At the meeting the term of office for elected members was discussed but not for representative or co-opted members.

The draft minutes say :-

*ND suggested that elected members should have a 2-year term with special arrangements for the first year so that not all trustees would have their re-election occurring in the same year.*

*Therefore, it was proposed that Elected Members should be elected for 2 years with special arrangements put in place for Year One. Proposed DS/seconded ND Agreed*

It is unclear whether it was an omission or misunderstanding that we did not clarify the term of office for representative members.

We would be grateful if you could please have a think about the representative members term of office and possibly answer the following questions.

Do you think there should be different terms of office for different categories of Trustee? YES/NO

If yes then what term of office should the two categories have?

Do you think organisations which will be nominating representative trustees will have a problem making a nomination for a two-year period? YES/NO

Do you think Trustees should be elected/nominated for an unspecified length of time? Charity Commission advice is maximum term should be 9 years but with small charities can be re-elected/nominated.

Any other comments or observations you wish to make?

It would be very useful to get your ideas as soon as possible and it has been suggested that we possibly have a very quick meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> April at 4.30pm ahead of the joint meeting with the PC where we could vote on this issue.