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Agenda Item 5

Amendments to the constitution

Explanatory notes

The proposed amendments to the constitution have been drawn up by the trustees in order to:

- (i) include our new address in Margaret Powell House
- (ii) ensure that any other person who may be employed by the Reader Service in addition to the Service Co-ordinator can attend committee meetings of the trustees on the same basis as the Service Co-ordinator
- (iii) correct the text governing the retirement or removal of a trustee because of medical or mental incapacity. The original text referred erroneously to a director of a company rather than a trustee of a charity
- (iv) allow trustees to be re-appointed for multiple, indefinite terms. The original constitution required a trustee to step down for a year after serving two three-year terms. Given the continued challenge of finding suitable trustees, the committee was concerned that the



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original clause might cause problems in the future where we might be at risk of falling below the minimum number of trustees.

The resolution needs to be supported by 75% of those attending the AGM, providing that at least 5% of members attend the AGM.

Resolution A

That the constitution of the Milton Keynes Reader Service be amended as set out below:

In Clause 2 'National location of principal office'

Replace:

"Small Meeting Place, 43 Marshworth, Tinkers Bridge, Milton Keynes, MK6 3DD"

with:

"First Floor, Margaret Powell House, 403 Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3BN"

In Clause 12 'Charity trustees' sub-clause (3) 'Number of charity trustees' paragraph (e) replace:

"The Service Co-ordinator employed by the CIO will be invited to attend meetings of the trustees in a non-voting capacity."

with:

“Any persons employed by the CIO may be invited to attend meetings of the trustees in a non-voting capacity.”

Also in paragraph (e) replace:

“The Service Co-ordinator will not attend meetings or parts of meetings where their terms and conditions of employment are discussed.”

with:

“Any persons employed by the CIO will not attend meetings or parts of meetings where their terms and conditions of employment are discussed.”

In Clause 15 ‘Retirement and removal of charity trustees’ sub-clause 1(d) replace ‘company’ and ‘director’ with ‘CIO’ and ‘trustee’ respectively.

In Clause 16 ‘Reappointment of charity trustees’ delete:

“A charity trustee who has served for two consecutive terms may not be reappointed for a third consecutive term but may be reappointed after an interval of at least one year.”