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Date

Dear Members,

Re: Proposal for CALC to be Private Company Limited By Guarantee

Thank you to those Parish and Town Councils that attended the meeting on Saturday 22nd July 2023 to discuss the above proposal and the transitional arrangements.

The motion as follows was approved with 24 votes for and 1 against and 1 abstention.

The meeting approved the draft Memorandum of Articles of Association & for future implementation by CALC and agreed that it may be used to support an application allowing CALC to become a Private Company Limited by Guarantee.

The motion as follows was approved with 25 votes for and 1 abstention.

The meeting approved the transitional governance arrangements to move to a private Company Limited by Guarantee

For information:

There were a number of questions raised regarding the voting rights in the current constitution which although explained demonstrated the need to ensure the proposed MAA is much clearer on this point.

There was also some confusion with regards to what the local/locality associations will be called, to clarify there will be 2 locality associations which reflect the Unitary Authorities footprints, these will replace the current district associations. The CALC Executive Board will be made up of members from the locality associations, with the option to appoint 2 specialist roles if required, again, from the membership.

Members asked if the change to an MAA is supported. The chair was able to reassure members that both Unitary Authorities agree with this approach and discussions are already in place for a 24/25 SLA. Several county wide organisations are continuing on the Cumbria footprint, particularly where there is a small amount of funding, and a critical mass is required. Nationally many county associations of local councils cover more than one unitary authority. The Company MAA has been adopted by other county associations. This will not prevent us seeking a CIO as already approved by the membership but will facilitate the necessary change at a faster pace.

CALC elections in July will need to be held according to the current CALC constitution and on the old District footprints to elect a chair and vice chair for the district association/CALC executive. These dates have been circulated. The current constitution will remain in place until we have approval from Companies House to become a company and have then had an AGM (provisionally proposed 30th September 2023)

Proposed Transitional arrangements

Those elected as above will form the signatories of the Company application. These 12 people will become Directors of the new company and by agreement, chairs will serve for 2 years and deputies for 1 year.

Once the company is in place, CALC will hold elections for the other Board members based on the Unitary Authority footprints of place/community areas where the original 12 are not naturally matched to. These people will serve for 3 years.

We hope that by taking this pragmatic approach, we will meet the requirements of the MAA, achieve continuity, alongside ensuring good representation at local level, whilst the unitary authorities desire to be community based takes shape.

The administrative and operational changes to move from the current constitution to the new are minimal but important. The executive will ensure that due diligence is in place with a working group.

I will aim to keep you updated on progress over the next few weeks but I will be happy to respond to any questions in the meantime.

Mary Bradley
CALC Chair.