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**CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION  
OF A  
PRIVATE LIMITED COMPANY**

Company No. 7949584

The Registrar of Companies for England and Wales, hereby certifies that

**WEST MIDLANDS FIRE SERVICE BUSINESS SAFETY  
LIMITED**

is this day incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 as a private company, that the company is limited by shares, and the situation of its registered office is in England/Wales

Given at Companies House on **14th February 2012**



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*Companies House*  
— for the record —



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REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES

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Application to register a company

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☒ What this form is for  
You may use this form to register a  
private or public company

☒ What this form is NOT for  
You cannot use this form to register  
a limited liability partnership. To do  
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Part 1 Company details

→ Filling in this form

Please complete in typescript or in  
bold black capitals

All fields are mandatory unless  
specified or indicated by \*

A1

Company details

Please show the proposed company name below

Proposed company  
name in full \*

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE SERVICE  
BUSINESS SAFETY LIMITED

For official use

1 Duplicate names

Duplicate names are not permitted. A  
list of registered names can be found on  
our website. There are various rules  
that may affect your choice of name.  
More information is available at  
[www.companieshouse.gov.uk](http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk)

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Company name restrictions \*

Please tick the box only if the proposed company name contains sensitive  
or restricted words or expressions that require you to seek comments of a  
government department or other specified body

☐ I confirm that the proposed company name contains sensitive or restricted  
words or expressions and that approval, where appropriate, has been  
sought of a government department or other specified body and I attach a  
copy of their response

2 Company name restrictions

A list of sensitive or restricted words  
or expressions that require consent  
can be found in guidance available  
on our website  
[www.companieshouse.gov.uk](http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk)

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Exemption from name ending with 'Limited' or 'Cyfyngedig' \*

Please tick the box if you wish to apply for exemption from the requirement to  
have the name ending with 'Limited', 'Cyfyngedig' or permitted alternative

☐ I confirm that the above proposed company meets the conditions for  
exemption from the requirement to have a name ending with 'Limited',  
'Cyfyngedig' or permitted alternative

3 Name ending exemption

Only private companies that are  
limited by guarantee and meet other  
specific requirements are eligible to  
apply for this.  
For more details, please go to our  
website  
[www.companieshouse.gov.uk](http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk)

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Company type \*

Please tick the box that describes the proposed company type and members'  
liability (only one box must be ticked)

☐ Public limited by shares  
☒ Private limited by shares  
☐ Private limited by guarantee  
☐ Private unlimited with share capital  
☐ Private unlimited without share capital

4 Company type

If you are unsure of your company's  
type, please go to our website  
[www.companieshouse.gov.uk](http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk)

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**Situation of registered office**

Please tick the appropriate box below that describes the situation of the proposed registered office (only one box must be ticked)

- ☒ England and Wales  
☐ Wales  
☐ Scotland  
☐ Northern Ireland

**Registered office**

Every company must have a registered office and this is the address to which the Registrar will send correspondence

For England and Wales companies, the address must be in England or Wales

For Welsh, Scottish or Northern Ireland companies, the address must be in Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland respectively

**A6**

**Registered office address**

Please give the registered office address of your company

Building name/number

99

Street

VAUXHALL RD

Post town

BIRMINGHAM

County/Region

Postcode

B7 4HW

**Registered office address**

You must ensure that the address shown in this section is consistent with the situation indicated in section A5

You must provide an address in England or Wales for companies to be registered in England and Wales

You must provide an address in Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland for companies to be registered in Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland respectively

**A7**

**Articles of association**

Please choose one option only and tick one box only

Option 1

I wish to adopt one of the following model articles in its entirety Please tick only one box

- ☐ Private limited by shares  
☐ Private limited by guarantee  
☐ Public company

Option 2

I wish to adopt the following model articles with additional and/or amended provisions I attach a copy of the additional and/or amended provision(s) Please tick only one box

- ☐ Private limited by shares  
☐ Private limited by guarantee  
☐ Public company

Option 3

☒ I wish to adopt entirely bespoke articles I attach a copy of the bespoke articles to this application

For details of which company type can adopt which model articles, please go to our website [www.companieshouse.gov.uk](http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk)

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**Restricted company articles**

Please tick the box below if the company's articles are restricted

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**Restricted company articles**

Restricted company articles are those containing provision for entrenchment For more details, please go to our website [www.companieshouse.gov.uk](http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk)

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**Part 2****Proposed officers**

For private companies the appointment of a secretary is optional, however, if you do decide to appoint a company secretary you must provide the relevant details. Public companies are required to appoint at least one secretary.

Private companies must appoint at least one director who is an individual. Public companies must appoint at least two directors, one of which must be an individual.

For a secretary who is an individual, go to Section B1, For a corporate secretary, go to Section C1, For a director who is an individual, go to Section D1, For a corporate director, go to Section E1

**Secretary****B1****Secretary appointments ①**

Please use this section to list all the secretary appointments taken on formation.  
For a corporate secretary, complete Sections C1-C5

Title\*

Full forename(s)

Surname

Former name(s) ②

**① Corporate appointments**

For corporate secretary appointments, please complete section C1-C5 instead of section B.

**Additional appointments**

If you wish to appoint more than one secretary, please use the 'Secretary appointments' continuation page.

**② Former name(s)**

Please provide any previous names which have been used for business purposes in the last 20 years. Married women do not need to give former names unless previously used for business purposes.

**B2****Secretary's service address ③**

Building name/number

Street

Post town

County/Region

Postcode

Country

**③ Service address**

This is the address that will appear on the public record. This does not have to be your usual residential address.

Please state 'The Company's Registered Office' if your service address will be recorded in the proposed company's register of secretaries as the company's registered office.

If you provide your residential address here it will appear on the public record.

**B3****Signature ④**

I consent to act as secretary of the proposed company named in Section A1

Signature

Signature

X

X

**④ Signature**

The person named above consents to act as secretary of the proposed company.

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**Corporate secretary**

<b>C1</b>	<b>Corporate secretary appointments</b> ①		
	Please use this section to list all the corporate secretary appointments taken on formation		
Name of corporate body/firm			<b>① Additional appointments</b> If you wish to appoint more than one corporate secretary, please use the 'Corporate secretary appointments' continuation page  <b>Registered or principal address</b> This is the address that will appear on the public record. This address must be a physical location for the delivery of documents. It cannot be a PO box number (unless contained within a full address), DX number or LP (Legal Post in Scotland) number
Building name/number			
Street			
Post town			
County/Region			
Postcode	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>		
Country			
<b>C2</b>	<b>Location of the registry of the corporate body or firm</b>		
	Is the corporate secretary registered within the European Economic Area (EEA)? → Yes Complete <b>Section C3 only</b> → No Complete <b>Section C4 only</b>		
<b>C3</b>	<b>EEA companies</b> ②		
	Please give details of the register where the company file is kept (including the relevant state) and the registration number in that register		<b>② EEA</b> A full list of countries of the EEA can be found in our guidance <a href="http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk">www.companieshouse.gov.uk</a>  <b>③</b> This is the register mentioned in Article 3 of the First Company Law Directive (68/151/EEC)
Where the company/firm is registered ③			
Registration number			
<b>C4</b>	<b>Non-EEA companies</b>		
	Please give details of the legal form of the corporate body or firm and the law by which it is governed. If applicable, please also give details of the register in which it is entered (including the state) and its registration number in that register		<b>④ Non-EEA</b> Where you have provided details of the register (including state) where the company or firm is registered, you must also provide its number in that register
Legal form of the corporate body or firm			
Governing law			
If applicable, where the company/firm is registered ④			
Registration number			
<b>C5</b>	<b>Signature</b> ⑤		
	I consent to act as secretary of the proposed company named in <b>Section A1</b>		
Signature	Signature <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <span>X</span> <span>X</span> </div>		<b>⑤ Signature</b> The person named above consents to act as corporate secretary of the proposed company

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**Director****D1****Director appointments ①**Please use this section to list all the director appointments taken on formation  
For a corporate director, complete Sections E1-E5

Title*	MR
Full forename(s)	MOHAMMED
Surname	IDREES
Former name(s) ②	
Country/State of residence ③	ENGLAND
Nationality	BRITISH
Date of birth	03/01/1960
Business occupation (if any) ④	FULL TIME COUNCILLOR

**① Appointments**

Private companies must appoint at least one director who is an individual. Public companies must appoint at least two directors, one of which must be an individual.

**② Former name(s)**

Please provide any previous names which have been used for business purposes in the last 20 years. Married women do not need to give former names unless previously used for business purposes.

**③ Country/State of residence**

This is in respect of your usual residential address as stated in section D4.

**④ Business occupation**

If you have a business occupation, please enter here. If you do not, please leave blank.

**Additional appointments**

If you wish to appoint more than one director, please use the 'Director appointments' continuation page.

**D2****Director's service address ⑤**

Please complete the service address below. You must also fill in the director's usual residential address in Section D4.

Building name/number	WMFS
Street	99 VAUXHALL ROAD
Post town	NECHELLS
County/Region	BIRMINGHAM
Postcode	B47HW
Country	UK

**⑤ Service address**

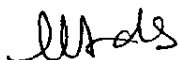
This is the address that will appear on the public record. This does not have to be your usual residential address.

Please state 'The Company's Registered Office' if your service address will be recorded in the proposed company's register of directors as the company's registered office.

If you provide your residential address here it will appear on the public record.

**D3****Signature ⑥**

I consent to act as director of the proposed company named in Section A1.

Signature	<div>Signature</div> <div>X  X</div>
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**⑥ Signature**

The person named above consents to act as director of the proposed company.

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**Director****D1****Director appointments ①**Please use this section to list all the director appointments taken on formation  
For a corporate director, complete Sections E1-E5

Title*	MR
Full forename(s)	VIJITH
Surname	RANDENIYA
Former name(s) ②	
Country/State of residence ③	UK
Nationality	BRITISH
Date of birth	d 21 m 07 y 1960
Business occupation (if any) ④	CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

**① Appointments**

Private companies must appoint at least one director who is an individual. Public companies must appoint at least two directors, one of which must be an individual.

**② Former name(s)**

Please provide any previous names which have been used for business purposes in the last 20 years. Married women do not need to give former names unless previously used for business purposes.

**③ Country/State of residence**

This is in respect of your usual residential address as stated in section D4.

**④ Business occupation**

If you have a business occupation, please enter here. If you do not, please leave blank.

**Additional appointments**

If you wish to appoint more than one director, please use the 'Director appointments' continuation page.

**D2****Director's service address ⑤**

Please complete the service address below. You must also fill in the director's usual residential address in Section D4.

Building name/number	WMFS HR
Street	99 Vauxhall Road
Post town	NECHELLS
County/Region	BIRMINGHAM
Postcode	B4 7HW
Country	UK.

**⑤ Service address**


This is the address that will appear on the public record. This does not have to be your usual residential address.

Please state 'The Company's Registered Office' if your service address will be recorded in the proposed company's register of directors as the company's registered office.

If you provide your residential address here it will appear on the public record.

**D3****Signature ⑥**

I consent to act as director of the proposed company named in Section A1.

Signature	Signature X  X
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**⑥ Signature**

The person named above consents to act as director of the proposed company.

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**Director****D1****Director appointments ①**Please use this section to list all the director appointments taken on formation  
For a corporate director, complete Sections E1-E5

Title*	Mr
Full forename(s)	Neil Anthony.
Surname	EUSTACE
Former name(s) ②	
Country/State of residence ③	England
Nationality	English.
Date of birth	d 1   5 m 1   1 y 1   9   5   5
Business occupation (if any) ④	Political Agent.

**① Appointments**

Private companies must appoint at least one director who is an individual. Public companies must appoint at least two directors, one of which must be an individual.

**② Former name(s)**

Please provide any previous names which have been used for business purposes in the last 20 years. Married women do not need to give former names unless previously used for business purposes.

**③ Country/State of residence**

This is in respect of your usual residential address as stated in section D4.

**④ Business occupation**

If you have a business occupation, please enter here. If you do not, please leave blank.

**Additional appointments**

If you wish to appoint more than one director, please use the 'Director appointments' continuation page.

**D2****Director's service address ⑤**

Please complete the service address below. You must also fill in the director's usual residential address in Section D4.

Building name/number	45
Street	Wroxton Road
	Yardley
Post town	Birmingham
County/Region	England
Postcode	B 2 6     1   S H
Country	

**⑤ Service address**

This is the address that will appear on the public record. This does not have to be your usual residential address.

Please state 'The Company's Registered Office' if your service address will be recorded in the proposed company's register of directors as the company's registered office.

If you provide your residential address here it will appear on the public record.

**D3****Signature ⑥**

I consent to act as director of the proposed company named in Section A1.

Signature	Signature X Neil Eustace. X
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**⑥ Signature**

The person named above consents to act as director of the proposed company.



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**Director****D1****Director appointments**Please use this section to list all the director appointments taken on formation  
For a corporate director, complete Sections E1-E5

Title*	MR
Full forename(s)	JOHN ANTHONY
Surname	ESMAAD
Former name(s)	
Country/State of residence	ENGLAND UK
Nationality	BRITISH
Date of birth	06 11 1994
Business occupation (if any)	HOUSING CONSULTANT

**1 Appointments**

Private companies must appoint at least one director who is an individual. Public companies must appoint at least two directors, one of which must be an individual.

**2 Former name(s)**

Please provide any previous names which have been used for business purposes in the last 20 years. Married women do not need to give former names unless previously used for business purposes.

**3 Country/State of residence**

This is in respect of your usual residential address as stated in section D4.

**4 Business occupation**

If you have a business occupation, please enter here. If you do not, please leave blank.

**Additional appointments**

If you wish to appoint more than one director, please use the 'Director appointments' continuation page.

**D2****Director's service address**

Please complete the service address below. You must also fill in the director's usual residential address in Section D4.

Building name/number	19
Street	HOBBS RD
Post town	WEDNESBURY
County/Region	WEST MIDLANDS
Postcode	WS109BD
Country	UK

**5 Service address**


This is the address that will appear on the public record. This does not have to be your usual residential address.

Please state 'The Company's Registered Office' if your service address will be recorded in the proposed company's register of directors as the company's registered office.

If you provide your residential address here it will appear on the public record.

**D3****Signature**

I consent to act as director of the proposed company named in Section A1.

Signature	Signature X  X
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**6 Signature**

The person named above consents to act as director of the proposed company.

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**Director****D1****Director appointments ①**Please use this section to list all the director appointments taken on formation  
For a corporate director, complete Sections E1-E5

Title*	
Full forename(s)	KENNETH JOHN
Surname	TURNER
Former name(s) ②	
Country/State of residence ③	ENGLAND
Nationality	BRITISH
Date of birth	1 6 10 1 19 4 3
Business occupation (if any) ④	Local Council Councillor

**① Appointments**

Private companies must appoint at least one director who is an individual. Public companies must appoint at least two directors, one of which must be an individual.

**② Former name(s)**

Please provide any previous names which have been used for business purposes in the last 20 years. Married women do not need to give former names unless previously used for business purposes.

**③ Country/State of residence**

This is in respect of your usual residential address as stated in section D4.

**④ Business occupation**

If you have a business occupation, please enter here. If you do not, please leave blank.

**Additional appointments**

If you wish to appoint more than one director, please use the 'Director appointments' continuation page.

**D2****Director's service address ⑤**

Please complete the service address below. You must also fill in the director's usual residential address in Section D4.

Building name/number	125
Street	HUNTING TREE ROAD
Post town	HALESOWEN
County/Region	WEST MIDLANDS
Postcode	B 6 3 4 H N
Country	ENGLAND

**⑤ Service address**

This is the address that will appear on the public record. This does not have to be your usual residential address.

Please state 'The Company's Registered Office' if your service address will be recorded in the proposed company's register of directors as the company's registered office.

If you provide your residential address here it will appear on the public record.

**D3****Signature ⑥**

I consent to act as director of the proposed company named in Section A1.

Signature	Signature	X	X
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**⑥ Signature**

The person named above consents to act as director of the proposed company.

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### Corporate director

<b>E1</b>	<b>Corporate director appointments ①</b>	
	Please use this section to list all the corporate directors taken on formation	
Name of corporate body or firm		
Building name/number		
Street		
Post town		
County/Region		
Postcode	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></div> </div>	
Country		
	<b>① Additional appointments</b> If you wish to appoint more than one corporate director, please use the 'Corporate director appointments' continuation page  <b>Registered or principal address</b> This is the address that will appear on the public record. This address must be a physical location for the delivery of documents. It cannot be a PO box number (unless contained within a full address), DX number or LP (Legal Post in Scotland) number	
<b>E2</b>	<b>Location of the registry of the corporate body or firm</b>	
	Is the corporate director registered within the European Economic Area (EEA)? → Yes Complete <b>Section E3 only</b> → No Complete <b>Section E4 only</b>	
<b>E3</b>	<b>EEA companies ②</b>	
	Please give details of the register where the company file is kept (including the relevant state) and the registration number in that register	
Where the company/firm is registered ②		
Registration number		
	<b>② EEA</b> A full list of countries of the EEA can be found in our guidance <a href="http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk">www.companieshouse.gov.uk</a>  <b>③</b> This is the register mentioned in Article 3 of the First Company Law Directive (68/151/EEC)	
<b>E4</b>	<b>Non-EEA companies</b>	
	Please give details of the legal form of the corporate body or firm and the law by which it is governed. If applicable, please also give details of the register in which it is entered (including the state) and its registration number in that register	
Legal form of the corporate body or firm		
Governing law		
If applicable, where the company/firm is registered ④		
If applicable, the registration number		
	<b>④ Non-EEA</b> Where you have provided details of the register (including state) where the company or firm is registered, you must also provide its number in that register	
<b>E5</b>	<b>Signature ⑤</b>	
	I consent to act as director of the proposed company named in <b>Section A1</b>	
Signature	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">           Signature  <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">X</div> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">X</div> </div> </div>	
	<b>⑤ Signature</b> The person named above consents to act as corporate director of the proposed company	

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## Part 3

## Statement of capital

Does your company have share capital?

→ Yes Complete the sections below

→ No Go to Part 4 (Statement of guarantee)

Yes

### F1

### Share capital in pound sterling (£)

Please complete the table below to show each class of shares held in pound sterling  
If all your issued capital is in sterling, only complete Section F1 and then go to Section F4

Class of shares (E g Ordinary/Preference etc)	Amount paid up on each share ①	Amount (if any) unpaid on each share ①	Number of shares ②	Aggregate nominal value ③
ORDINARY	£1	/	1	£1
				£
				£
				£
Totals			1	£1

### F2

### Share capital in other currencies

Please complete the table below to show any class of shares held in other currencies  
Please complete a separate table for each currency

Currency	Class of shares (E g Ordinary/Preference etc)	Amount paid up on each share ①	Amount (if any) unpaid on each share ①	Number of shares ②	Aggregate nominal value ③
Totals					

Currency	Class of shares (E g Ordinary/Preference etc)	Amount paid up on each share ①	Amount (if any) unpaid on each share ①	Number of shares ②	Aggregate nominal value ③
Totals					

### F3

### Totals

Please give the total number of shares and total aggregate nominal value of issued share capital

Total number of shares

1

Total aggregate nominal value ④

£1

④ Total aggregate nominal value  
Please list total aggregate values in different currencies separately For example £100 + €100 + \$10 etc

① Including both the nominal value and any share premium

② Number of shares issued multiplied by nominal value of each share

Continuation Pages  
Please use a Statement of Capital continuation page if necessary

③ Total number of issued shares in this class

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**Statement of capital** (Prescribed particulars of rights attached to shares)

Please give the prescribed particulars of rights attached to shares for each class of share shown in the statement of capital share tables in Sections F1 and F2

Class of share

ORDINARY

Prescribed particulars

1

- Each Share is entitled to one vote in any circumstances
- Each Share is entitled Pari Passu to dividend payments or any other distribution
- Each Share is entitled Pari Passu to participate in a distribution arising from a winding up of the company

**Prescribed particulars of rights attached to shares**

The particulars are

- a particulars of any voting rights, including rights that arise only in certain circumstances,
- b particulars of any rights, as respects dividends, to participate in a distribution,
- c particulars of any rights, as respects capital, to participate in a distribution (including on winding up), and
- d whether the shares are to be redeemed or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the company or the shareholder and any terms or conditions relating to redemption of these shares

A separate table must be used for each class of share

**Continuation pages**

Please use the next page or a 'Statement of Capital (Prescribed particulars of rights attached to shares)' continuation page if necessary

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Class of share	
Prescribed particulars ①	

**① Prescribed particulars of rights attached to shares**

The particulars are

- a particulars of any voting rights, including rights that arise only in certain circumstances,
- b particulars of any rights, as respects dividends, to participate in a distribution,
- c particulars of any rights, as respects capital, to participate in a distribution (including on winding up), and
- d whether the shares are to be redeemed or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the company or the shareholder and any terms or conditions relating to redemption of these shares

A separate table must be used for each class of share

**Continuation pages**

Please use a 'Statement of capital (Prescribed particulars of rights attached to shares)' continuation page if necessary

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### Initial shareholdings

This section should only be completed by companies incorporating with share capital

Please complete the details below for each subscriber

The addresses will appear on the public record. These do not need to be the subscribers' usual residential address

#### Initial shareholdings

Please list the company's subscribers in alphabetical order

Please use an 'Initial shareholdings' continuation page if necessary

Subscriber's details	Class of share	Number of shares	Currency	Nominal value of each share	Amount (if any) unpaid	Amount paid
Name West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority	ordinary	1	sterling	£1	/	£1
Address 99 Vauxhall Rd Birmingham B57 4HW						
Name						
Address						
Name						
Address						
Name						
Address						
Name						
Address						

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**Part 4**

**Statement of guarantee**

Is your company limited by guarantee?

→ **Yes** Complete the sections below

→ **No** Go to **Part 5** (Statement of compliance)

No

**G1**

**Subscribers**

Please complete this section if you are a subscriber of a company limited by guarantee. The following statement is being made by each and every person named below

I confirm that if the company is wound up while I am a member, or within one year after I cease to be a member, I will contribute to the assets of the company by such amount as may be required for

- payment of debts and liabilities of the company contracted before I cease to be a member,
- payment of costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and,
- adjustment of the rights of the contributors among ourselves, not exceeding the specified amount below

**1 Name**

Please use capital letters

**2 Address**

The addresses in this section will appear on the public record. They do not have to be the subscribers' usual residential address.

**3 Amount guaranteed**

Any valid currency is permitted

**Continuation pages**

Please use a 'Subscribers' continuation page if necessary

**Subscriber's details**

Forename(s) 1

Surname 1

Address 2

Postcode

Amount guaranteed 3

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Subscriber's details	
Forename(s) ❶	
Surname ❶	
Address ❷	
Postcode	
Amount guaranteed ❸	

## ❶ Name

Please use capital letters

## ❷ Address

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**Part 5****Statement of compliance**

This section must be completed by all companies

Is the application by an agent on behalf of all the subscribers?

- **No** Go to **Section H1** (Statement of compliance delivered by the subscribers)
- **Yes** Go to **Section H2** (Statement of compliance delivered by an agent)

No

**H1****Statement of compliance delivered by the subscribers <sup>①</sup>**

Please complete this section if the application is not delivered by an agent for the subscribers of the memorandum of association

I confirm that the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as to registration have been complied with

**① Statement of compliance delivered by the subscribers**  
Every subscriber to the memorandum of association must sign the statement of compliance

Subscriber's signature

Signature

X

N Shermer  
(Authorised Signatory)

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Subscriber's signature

Signature

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Subscriber's signature	Signature X	X	

**H2**

Statement of compliance delivered by an agent

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Post town	
County/Region	
Postcode	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></div> </div>
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Agent's signature	Signature X

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**Presenter information**

You do not have to give any contact information, but if you do it will help Companies House if there is a query on the form. The contact information you give will be visible to searchers of the public record

Contact name MURKHAMPTON-RUSSELL

Company name West Midlands Fire Service

Address 99 Vauxhall Rd

Post town Birmingham

County/Region West Midlands

Postcode B7 4HW

Country UK

DX

Telephone 0121 380 6114

**Certificate**

We will send your certificate to the presenters address (shown above) or if indicated to another address shown below

- ☒ At the registered office address (Given in Section A6)  
☐ At the agents address (Given in Section H2)

**Checklist**

We may return forms completed incorrectly or with information missing

Please make sure you have remembered the following

- ☒ You have checked that the proposed company name is available as well as the various rules that may affect your choice of name. More information can be found in guidance on our website
- ☐ If the name of the company is the same as one already on the register as permitted by The Company and Business Names (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2008, please attach consent
- ☒ You have used the correct appointment sections
- ☒ Any addresses given must be a physical location. They cannot be a PO Box number (unless part of a full service address), DX or LP (Legal Post in Scotland) number
- ☒ The document has been signed, where indicated
- ☒ All relevant attachments have been included
- ☒ You have enclosed the Memorandum of Association
- ☒ You have enclosed the correct fee

**Important information**

Please note that all information on this form will appear on the public record, apart from information relating to usual residential addresses

**How to pay**

A fee is payable on this form

Make cheques or postal orders payable to 'Companies House'. For information on fees, go to [www.companieshouse.gov.uk](http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk)

**Where to send**

You may return this form to any Companies House address, however for expediency we advise you to return it to the appropriate address below

**For companies registered in England and Wales**  
 The Registrar of Companies, Companies House,  
 Crown Way, Cardiff, Wales, CF14 3UZ  
 DX 33050 Cardiff

**For companies registered in Scotland**  
 The Registrar of Companies, Companies House,  
 Fourth floor, Edinburgh Quay 2,  
 139 Fountainbridge, Edinburgh, Scotland, EH3 9FF  
 DX ED235 Edinburgh 1  
 or LP - 4 Edinburgh 2 (Legal Post)

**For companies registered in Northern Ireland**  
 The Registrar of Companies, Companies House,  
 Second Floor, The Linenhall, 32-38 Linenhall Street,  
 Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT2 8BG  
 DX 481 N R Belfast 1

**Section 243 exemption**

If you are applying for, or have been granted a section 243 exemption, please post this whole form to the different postal address below  
 The Registrar of Companies, PO Box 4082,  
 Cardiff, CF14 3WE

**Further information**

For further information, please see the guidance notes on the website at [www.companieshouse.gov.uk](http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk) or email [enquiries@companieshouse.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@companieshouse.gov.uk)

This form is available in an alternative format. Please visit the forms page on the website at [www.companieshouse.gov.uk](http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk)

Ben Diamond  
 West Midlands  
 Fire Service  
 99 Vauxhall Rd

0121 380 6402

## Memorandum of association of West Midlands Fire Service Business Safety Ltd


Each subscriber to this memorandum of association wishes to form a company under the Companies Act 2006 and agrees to become a member of the company and to take at least one share

*Name of each subscriber*

West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority

Dated 13th February 2012.

*Authentication by each subscriber*

x N.   
On behalf of West Midlands  
Fire and Rescue Authority

**The Companies Act 2006**  
**Company limited by shares**  
**Articles of Association**

**of**

**West Midlands Fire Service Business Safety Limited**

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## **PART 1 INTERPRETATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

### **Defined terms**

1 In the articles, unless the context requires otherwise—

“articles” means the company’s articles of association,

“Authority” means the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority which is the sole shareholder of the company “

“bankruptcy” includes individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to that of bankruptcy,

“chairman” has the meaning given in article 12,

“chairman of the meeting” has the meaning given in article 39,

“Companies Acts” means the Companies Acts (as defined in section 2 of the Companies Act 2006), in so far as they apply to the company,

“director” means a director of the company, and includes any person occupying the position of director, by whatever name called,

“distribution recipient” has the meaning given in article 31,

“document” includes, unless otherwise specified, any document sent or supplied in electronic form,

“electronic form” has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Companies Act 2006,

“fully paid” in relation to a share, means that the nominal value and any premium to be paid to the company in respect of that share have been paid to the company,

“hard copy form” has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Companies Act 2006,

“holder” in relation to shares means the person whose name is entered in the register of members as the holder of the shares,

“instrument” means a document in hard copy form,

“ordinary resolution” has the meaning given in section 282 of the Companies Act 2006,

“paid” means paid or credited as paid,

“participate”, in relation to a directors’ meeting, has the meaning given in article 10,

“proxy notice” has the meaning given in article 45,

“shareholder” means a person who is the holder of a share;

“shares” means shares in the company,

“special resolution” has the meaning given in section 283 of the Companies Act 2006;

“subsidiary” has the meaning given in section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006,

“transmittee” means a person entitled to a share by reason of the death or bankruptcy of a shareholder or otherwise by operation of law, and

“writing” means the representation or reproduction of words, symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise



Unless the context otherwise requires, other words or expressions contained in these articles bear the same meaning as in the Companies Act 2006 as in force on the date when these articles become binding on the company

### **Members**

2 1 The Authority is the sole shareholder of the company and no other person shall be issued a share and admitted to membership of the company except with the express consent of the Authority

2 2 The liability of the members is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid on the shares held by them

## **PART 2 DIRECTORS**

### **DIRECTORS' POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **Directors' general authority**

3 Subject to the articles, the directors are responsible for the management of the company's business, for which purpose they may exercise all the powers of the company

#### **Shareholders' reserve power**

4 —(1) The shareholders may, by special resolution, direct the directors to take, or refrain from taking, specified action

(2) No such special resolution invalidates anything which the directors have done before the passing of the resolution

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of article 4(1), the Authority reserves to itself the powers to

(a) appoint and remove directors,

(b) determine the quorum for directors meetings,

(c) wind up the company,

(d) require that certain proposed actions or decisions of the company are submitted to the Authority for prior consideration

#### **Directors may delegate**

5 —(1) Subject to the articles, the directors may delegate any of the powers which are conferred on them under the articles—

(a) to such person or committee,

(b) by such means (including by power of attorney),

(c) to such an extent,

(d) in relation to such matters or territories, and

(e) on such terms and conditions,

as they think fit

(2) If the directors so specify, any such delegation may authorise further delegation of the directors' powers by any person to whom they are delegated

(3) The directors may revoke any delegation in whole or part, or alter its terms and conditions

### **Committees**

6 —(1) Committees to which the directors delegate any of their powers must follow procedures which are based as far as they are applicable on those provisions of the articles which govern the taking of decisions by directors

(2) The directors may make rules of procedure for all or any committees, which prevail over rules derived from the articles if they are not consistent with them

## **DECISION-MAKING BY DIRECTORS**

### **Directors to take decisions collectively**

7 —(1) The general rule about decision-making by directors is that any decision of the directors must be either a majority decision at a meeting or a decision taken in accordance with article 8

(2) If—

(a) the company only has one director, and

(b) no provision of the articles requires it to have more than one director,

the general rule does not apply, and the director may take decisions without regard to any of the provisions of the articles relating to directors' decision-making

### **Unanimous decisions**

8 —(1) A decision of the directors is taken in accordance with this article when all eligible directors indicate to each other by any means that they share a common view on a matter

(2) Such a decision may take the form of a resolution in writing, copies of which have been signed by each eligible director or to which each eligible director has otherwise indicated agreement in writing

(3) References in this article to eligible directors are to directors who would have been entitled to vote on the matter had it been proposed as a resolution at a directors' meeting

(4) A decision may not be taken in accordance with this article if the eligible directors would not have formed a quorum at such a meeting

### **Calling a directors' meeting**

9 —(1) Any director may call a directors' meeting by giving notice of the meeting to the directors or by authorising the company secretary (if any) to give such notice

(2) Notice of any directors' meeting must indicate—

(a) its proposed date and time,

(b) where it is to take place, and

(c) if it is anticipated that directors participating in the meeting will not be in the same place, how it is proposed that they should communicate with each other during the meeting

- (3) Notice of a directors' meeting must be given to each director, but need not be in writing
- (4) Notice of a directors' meeting need not be given to directors who waive their entitlement to notice of that meeting, by giving notice to that effect to the company not more than 7 days after the date on which the meeting is held. Where such notice is given after the meeting has been held, that does not affect the validity of the meeting, or of any business conducted at it

#### **Participation in directors' meetings**

10 —(1) Subject to the articles, directors participate in a directors' meeting, or part of a directors' meeting, when—

- (a) the meeting has been called and takes place in accordance with the articles, and
- (b) they can each communicate to the others any information or opinions they have on any particular item of the business of the meeting
- (2) In determining whether directors are participating in a directors' meeting, it is irrelevant where any director is or how they communicate with each other
- (3) If all the directors participating in a meeting are not in the same place, they may decide that the meeting is to be treated as taking place wherever any of them is

#### **Quorum for directors' meetings**

- 11 —(1) At a directors' meeting, unless a quorum is participating, no proposal is to be voted on, except a proposal to call another meeting
- (2) The quorum for directors' meetings may be fixed from time to time by a decision of the Authority, but it must never be less than two, and unless otherwise fixed it is two
- (3) If the total number of directors for the time being is less than the quorum required, the directors must not take any decision other than a decision to call a general meeting so as to enable the shareholders to appoint further directors

#### **Chairing of directors' meetings**

- 12 —(1) The directors may appoint a director to chair their meetings
- (2) The person so appointed for the time being is known as the chairman
- (3) The directors may terminate the chairman's appointment at any time
- (4) If the chairman is not participating in a directors' meeting within ten minutes of the time at which it was to start, the participating directors must appoint one of themselves to chair it

#### **Casting vote**

13 If the numbers of votes for and against a proposal are equal, the chairman or other director chairing the meeting does not have a casting vote

#### **Conflicts of interest**

14 —

- (1) Save as otherwise provided by these articles and subject to article 14 (3), a director shall not vote in respect of any contract or arrangement in which he or she is directly or indirectly interested or any matter arising out of such contract or arrangement or any matter which conflicts or may conflict with the interests of the company and if he or she

does so vote his or her vote shall not be counted. A director shall not be counted in the quorum present at a meeting in relation to a resolution on which he or she is not entitled to vote. For the avoidance of doubt, a director shall not be deemed to be interested in a contract or arrangement with the Authority merely by reason that he or she, or his or her spouse or registered civil partner, is a member, officer or employee of the Authority.

(2) All directors who are members, officers or employees of the Authority shall comply with the requirements of any codes of conduct of the Authority for the time being in force in respect of members, officers and/or employees of the Authority relating to the declaration of personal and prejudicial interests including for the avoidance of doubt the Model Code of Conduct for Local Authorities. Those directors shall respectively declare personal interests as defined in such Codes at any meeting of the directors or committee at which the matter giving rise to the interest is considered and, in the case of prejudicial interests as defined in such Codes, shall not participate in any decisions to be made by the company and shall withdraw from any meeting of the directors or committee at which such matter is considered.

(3) Subject always to compliance with any of the Codes referred to in article 14(2) above the company may by unanimous resolution suspend or relax to any extent permitted by law, either generally or in respect of any particular matter, any provision of these articles prohibiting a director from voting at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors.

(4) For the purposes of this article, references to proposed decisions and decision-making processes include any directors' meeting or part of a directors' meeting.

(5) Subject to paragraph (6), if a question arises at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors as to the right of a director to participate in the meeting (or part of the meeting) for voting or quorum purposes, the question may, before the conclusion of the meeting, be referred to the chairman whose ruling in relation to any director other than the chairman is to be final and conclusive.

(6) If any question as to the right to participate in the meeting (or part of the meeting) should arise in respect of the chairman, the question is to be decided by a decision of the directors at that meeting, for which purpose the chairman is not to be counted as participating in the meeting (or that part of the meeting) for voting or quorum purposes.

#### **Records of decisions to be kept**

15 The directors must ensure that the company keeps a record, in writing, for at least 10 years from the date of the decision recorded, of every unanimous or majority decision taken by the directors.

#### **Directors' discretion to make further rules**

16 Subject to the articles, the directors may make any rule which they think fit about how they take decisions, and about how such rules are to be recorded or communicated to directors.

### **APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS**

#### **Methods of appointing directors**

17 —(1) Any person who is willing to act as a director, and is permitted by law to do so, may be appointed to be a director by the Authority and no person shall be authorised to act as a director (including as an alternate director) unless duly appointed by the Authority.

The Authority reserves the powers to appoint as directors such persons in such number as it considers appropriate from time to time and for the time being has determined that the directors of the company shall comprise.

(a) the Chairman of the Authority,

(b) one representative from each of the three political parties holding the largest number of seats on the Authority, and

(c) the Chief Fire Officer

(2) In the event that the Authority expressly authorises appointments by the directors, of persons willing to act in their place as alternate directors, the following provisions shall apply to those alternate directors

(a) An alternate director shall be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of directors and of all meetings of committees of directors of which his or her appointor is a member, to attend and vote at any such meeting at which the director appointing him is not personally present, and generally to perform all the functions of his or her appointor as a director in his or her absence but shall not be entitled to receive any remuneration from the Company for his or her services as an alternate director

(b) An alternate director shall cease to be an alternate director if his or her appointor ceases to be a director

(c) Any appointment or removal of an alternate director shall be by notice to the Company signed by the director making or revoking the appointment or in any other manner approved by the directors

(d) Save as otherwise provided in these articles, an alternate director shall be deemed for all purposes to be a director and shall alone be responsible for his or her own acts and defaults and he or she shall not be deemed to be the agent of the director appointing him

#### **Termination of director's appointment**

18. A person ceases to be a director as soon as—

(a) that person ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Companies Act 2006 or is prohibited from being a director by law,

(b) a bankruptcy order is made against that person,

(c) a composition is made with that person's creditors generally in satisfaction of that person's debts,

(d) a registered medical practitioner who is treating that person gives a written opinion to the company stating that that person has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a director and may remain so for more than three months,

(e) by reason of that person's mental health, a court makes an order which wholly or partly prevents that person from personally exercising any powers or rights which that person would otherwise have,

(f) notification is received by the company from the director that the director is resigning from office, and such resignation has taken effect in accordance with its terms,

(g) he or she ceases to be an officer, employee or member of the Authority,

(h) he or she is validly removed from the office of director by the Authority

#### **Directors' remuneration**

19 —(1) Directors may undertake any services for the company that the directors decide

(2) Directors are entitled to such remuneration as the Authority determines in accordance with the Local Authorities (Companies) Order 1995—

(a) for their services to the company as directors, and

(b) for any other service which they undertake for the company

(3) Subject to the articles and the Local Authorities (Companies) Order 1995, a director's remuneration may—

(a) take any form, and

(b) include any arrangements in connection with the payment of a pension, allowance or gratuity, or any death, sickness or disability benefits, to or in respect of that director

(4) Unless the directors decide otherwise, directors' remuneration accrues from day to day

(5) Unless the directors decide otherwise, directors are not accountable to the company for any remuneration which they receive as directors or other officers or employees of the company's subsidiaries or of any other body corporate in which the company is interested

#### **Directors' expenses**

20 Subject to the Local Authorities (Companies) Order 1995 the company may pay reasonable expenses which the directors properly incur in connection with their attendance at—

(a) meetings of directors or committees of directors,

(b) general meetings, or

(c) separate meetings of the holders of any class of shares or of debentures of the company,

or otherwise in connection with the exercise of their powers and the discharge of their responsibilities in relation to the company

## **PART 3 SHARES AND DISTRIBUTIONS**

### **SHARES**

#### **All shares to be fully paid up**

21 —(1) No share is to be issued for less than the aggregate of its nominal value and any premium to be paid to the company in consideration for its issue

(2) This does not apply to shares taken on the formation of the company by the subscribers to the company's memorandum

#### **Powers to issue different classes of share**

22 —(1) Subject to the articles (including article 2 1), but without prejudice to the rights attached to any existing share, the company may issue shares with such rights or restrictions as may be determined by ordinary resolution

(2) The company may issue shares which are to be redeemed, or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the company or the holder, and the directors may determine the

terms, conditions and manner of redemption of any such shares

**Company not bound by less than absolute interests**

23 Except as required by law, no person is to be recognised by the company as holding any share upon any trust, and except as otherwise required by law or the articles, the company is not in any way to be bound by or recognise any interest in a share other than the holder's absolute ownership of it and all the rights attaching to it

**Share certificates**

24 —(1) The company must issue each shareholder, free of charge, with one or more certificates in respect of the shares which that shareholder holds

(2) Every certificate must specify—

(a) in respect of how many shares, of what class, it is issued,

(b) the nominal value of those shares,

(c) that the shares are fully paid, and

(d) any distinguishing numbers assigned to them

(3) No certificate may be issued in respect of shares of more than one class

(4) If more than one person holds a share, only one certificate may be issued in respect of it

(5) Certificates must—

(a) have affixed to them the company's common seal, or

(b) be otherwise executed in accordance with the Companies Acts

**Replacement share certificates**

25 —(1) If a certificate issued in respect of a shareholder's shares is—

(a) damaged or defaced, or

(b) said to be lost, stolen or destroyed,

that shareholder is entitled to be issued with a replacement certificate in respect of the same shares

(2) A shareholder exercising the right to be issued with such a replacement certificate—

(a) may at the same time exercise the right to be issued with a single certificate or separate certificates,

(b) must return the certificate which is to be replaced to the company if it is damaged or defaced, and

(c) must comply with such conditions as to evidence, indemnity and the payment of a reasonable fee as the directors decide

**Share transfers**

26 —(1) Shares may be transferred by means of an instrument of transfer in any usual form or any other form approved by the directors (subject to article 2 1), which is executed by or on behalf of the transferor

(2) No fee may be charged for registering any instrument of transfer or other document

relating to or affecting the title to any share

(3) The company may retain any instrument of transfer which is registered

(4) The transferor remains the holder of a share until the transferee's name is entered in the register of members as holder of it

(5) The directors may refuse to register the transfer of a share, and if they do so, the instrument of transfer must be returned to the transferee with the notice of refusal unless they suspect that the proposed transfer may be fraudulent

#### **Transmission of shares**

27 —(1) If title to a share passes to a transmittee, the company may only recognise the transmittee as having any title to that share

(2) A transmittee who produces such evidence of entitlement to shares as the directors may properly require—

(a) may, subject to the articles, choose either to become the holder of those shares or to have them transferred to another person, and

(b) subject to the articles, and pending any transfer of the shares to another person, has the same rights as the holder had

(3) But transmittees do not have the right to attend or vote at a general meeting, or agree to a proposed written resolution, in respect of shares to which they are entitled, by reason of the holder's death or bankruptcy or otherwise, unless they become the holders of those shares

#### **Exercise of transmittees' rights**

28 —(1) Transmittees who wish to become the holders of shares to which they have become entitled must notify the company in writing of that wish

(2) If the transmittee wishes to have a share transferred to another person, the transmittee must execute an instrument of transfer in respect of it

(3) Any transfer made or executed under this article is to be treated as if it were made or executed by the person from whom the transmittee has derived rights in respect of the share, and as if the event which gave rise to the transmission had not occurred

#### **Transmittees bound by prior notices**

29 If a notice is given to a shareholder in respect of shares and a transmittee is entitled to those shares, the transmittee is bound by the notice if it was given to the shareholder before the transmittee's name has been entered in the register of members

## **DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS**

#### **Procedure for declaring dividends**

30 —(1) The company may by ordinary resolution declare dividends, and the directors may decide to pay interim dividends

(2) A dividend must not be declared unless the directors have made a recommendation as to its amount. Such a dividend must not exceed the amount recommended by the directors

(3) No dividend may be declared or paid unless it is in accordance with shareholders'



respective rights

(4) Unless the shareholders' resolution to declare or directors' decision to pay a dividend, or the terms on which shares are issued, specify otherwise, it must be paid by reference to each shareholder's holding of shares on the date of the resolution or decision to declare or pay it

(5) If the company's share capital is divided into different classes, no interim dividend may be paid on shares carrying deferred or non-preferred rights if, at the time of payment, any preferential dividend is in arrear

(6) The directors may pay at intervals any dividend payable at a fixed rate if it appears to them that the profits available for distribution justify the payment

(7) If the directors act in good faith, they do not incur any liability to the holders of shares conferring preferred rights for any loss they may suffer by the lawful payment of an interim dividend on shares with deferred or non-preferred rights

#### **Payment of dividends and other distributions**

31.—(1) Where a dividend or other sum which is a distribution is payable in respect of a share, it must be paid by one or more of the following means—

(a) transfer to a bank or building society account specified by the distribution recipient either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide,

(b) sending a cheque made payable to the distribution recipient by post to the distribution recipient at the distribution recipient's registered address (if the distribution recipient is a holder of the share), or (in any other case) to an address specified by the distribution recipient either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide,

(c) sending a cheque made payable to such person by post to such person at such address as the distribution recipient has specified either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide, or

(d) any other means of payment as the directors agree with the distribution recipient either in writing or by such other means as the directors decide

(2) In the articles, "the distribution recipient" means, in respect of a share in respect of which a dividend or other sum is payable—

(a) the holder of the share, or

(b) if the share has two or more joint holders, whichever of them is named first in the register of members, or

(c) if the holder is no longer entitled to the share by reason of death or bankruptcy, or otherwise by operation of law, the transmittee

#### **No interest on distributions**

32 The company may not pay interest on any dividend or other sum payable in respect of a share unless otherwise provided by—

(a) the terms on which the share was issued, or

(b) the provisions of another agreement between the holder of that share and the company

#### **Unclaimed distributions**

33 —(1) All dividends or other sums which are—

(a) payable in respect of shares, and

(b) unclaimed after having been declared or become payable,

may be invested or otherwise made use of by the directors for the benefit of the company until claimed

(2) The payment of any such dividend or other sum into a separate account does not make the company a trustee in respect of it

(3) If—

(a) twelve years have passed from the date on which a dividend or other sum became due for payment, and

(b) the distribution recipient has not claimed it,

the distribution recipient is no longer entitled to that dividend or other sum and it ceases to remain owing by the company

#### **Non-cash distributions**

34 —(1) Subject to the terms of issue of the share in question, the company may, by ordinary resolution on the recommendation of the directors, decide to pay all or part of a dividend or other distribution payable in respect of a share by transferring non-cash assets of equivalent value (including, without limitation, shares or other securities in any company)

(2) For the purposes of paying a non-cash distribution, the directors may make whatever arrangements they think fit, including, where any difficulty arises regarding the distribution—

(a) fixing the value of any assets,

(b) paying cash to any distribution recipient on the basis of that value in order to adjust the rights of recipients, and

(c) vesting any assets in trustees

#### **Waiver of distributions**

35 Distribution recipients may waive their entitlement to a dividend or other distribution payable in respect of a share by giving the company notice in writing to that effect, but if—

(a) the share has more than one holder, or

(b) more than one person is entitled to the share, whether by reason of the death or bankruptcy of one or more joint holders, or otherwise,

the notice is not effective unless it is expressed to be given, and signed, by all the holders or persons otherwise entitled to the share

### **CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS**

#### **Authority to capitalise and appropriation of capitalised sums**

36 —(1) Subject to the articles, the directors may, if they are so authorised by an ordinary resolution—

(a) decide to capitalise any profits of the company (whether or not they are available for distribution) which are not required for paying a preferential dividend, or any sum standing to the credit of the company's share premium account or capital redemption reserve, and

(b) appropriate any sum which they so decide to capitalise (a "capitalised sum") to the persons who would have been entitled to it if it were distributed by way of dividend (the "persons entitled") and in the same proportions

(2) Capitalised sums must be applied—

(a) on behalf of the persons entitled, and

(b) in the same proportions as a dividend would have been distributed to them

(3) Any capitalised sum may be applied in paying up new shares of a nominal amount equal to the capitalised sum which are then allotted credited as fully paid to the persons entitled or as they may direct

(4) A capitalised sum which was appropriated from profits available for distribution may be applied in paying up new debentures of the company which are then allotted credited as fully paid to the persons entitled or as they may direct

(5) Subject to the articles the directors may—

(a) apply capitalised sums in accordance with paragraphs (3) and (4) partly in one way and partly in another,

(b) make such arrangements as they think fit to deal with shares or debentures becoming distributable in fractions under this article (including the issuing of fractional certificates or the making of cash payments), and

(c) authorise any person to enter into an agreement with the company on behalf of all the persons entitled which is binding on them in respect of the allotment of shares and debentures to them under this article

## **PART 4 DECISION-MAKING BY SHAREHOLDERS**

### **ORGANISATION OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

#### **Attendance and speaking at general meetings**

37 —(1) A person is able to exercise the right to speak at a general meeting when that person is in a position to communicate to all those attending the meeting, during the meeting, any information or opinions which that person has on the business of the meeting

(2) A person is able to exercise the right to vote at a general meeting when—

(a) that person is able to vote, during the meeting, on resolutions put to the vote at the meeting, and

(b) that person's vote can be taken into account in determining whether or not such resolutions are passed at the same time as the votes of all the other persons attending the meeting

(3) The directors may make whatever arrangements they consider appropriate to enable those attending a general meeting to exercise their rights to speak or vote at it

(4) In determining attendance at a general meeting, it is immaterial whether any two or more members attending it are in the same place as each other

(5) Two or more persons who are not in the same place as each other attend a general meeting if their circumstances are such that if they have (or were to have) rights to speak and vote at that meeting, they are (or would be) able to exercise them

#### **Quorum for general meetings**

38 No business other than the appointment of the chairman of the meeting is to be transacted at a general meeting if the persons attending it do not constitute a quorum

#### **Chairing general meetings**

39 —(1) If the directors have appointed a chairman, the chairman shall chair general meetings if present and willing to do so

(2) If the directors have not appointed a chairman, or if the chairman is unwilling to chair the meeting or is not present within ten minutes of the time at which a meeting was due to start—

(a) the directors present, or

(b) (if no directors are present), the meeting,

must appoint a director or shareholder to chair the meeting, and the appointment of the chairman of the meeting must be the first business of the meeting.

(3) The person chairing a meeting in accordance with this article is referred to as “the chairman of the meeting”

#### **Attendance and speaking by directors and non-shareholders**

40 —(1) Directors may attend and speak at general meetings, whether or not they are shareholders

(2) The chairman of the meeting may permit other persons who are not—

(a) shareholders of the company, or

(b) otherwise entitled to exercise the rights of shareholders in relation to general meetings, to attend and speak at a general meeting

#### **Adjournment**

41 —(1) If the persons attending a general meeting within half an hour of the time at which the meeting was due to start do not constitute a quorum, or if during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the chairman of the meeting must adjourn it

(2) The chairman of the meeting may adjourn a general meeting at which a quorum is present if—

(a) the meeting consents to an adjournment, or

(b) it appears to the chairman of the meeting that an adjournment is necessary to protect the safety of any person attending the meeting or ensure that the business of the meeting is conducted in an orderly manner

(3) The chairman of the meeting must adjourn a general meeting if directed to do so by the meeting

(4) When adjourning a general meeting, the chairman of the meeting must—

(a) either specify the time and place to which it is adjourned or state that it is to continue at a time and place to be fixed by the directors, and

(b) have regard to any directions as to the time and place of any adjournment which have been given by the meeting

(5) If the continuation of an adjourned meeting is to take place more than 14 days after it

was adjourned, the company must give at least 7 clear days' notice of it (that is, excluding the day of the adjourned meeting and the day on which the notice is given)—

(a) to the same persons to whom notice of the company's general meetings is required to be given, and

(b) containing the same information which such notice is required to contain

(6) No business may be transacted at an adjourned general meeting which could not properly have been transacted at the meeting if the adjournment had not taken place

## **VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

### **Voting: general**

42 A resolution put to the vote of a general meeting must be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is duly demanded in accordance with the articles

### **Errors and disputes**

43 —(1) No objection may be raised to the qualification of any person voting at a general meeting except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting is valid

(2) Any such objection must be referred to the chairman of the meeting, whose decision is final.

### **Poll votes**

44 —(1) A poll on a resolution may be demanded—

(a) in advance of the general meeting where it is to be put to the vote, or

(b) at a general meeting, either before a show of hands on that resolution or immediately after the result of a show of hands on that resolution is declared.

(2) A poll may be demanded by—

(a) the chairman of the meeting,

(b) the directors,

(c) two or more persons having the right to vote on the resolution, or

(d) a person or persons representing not less than one tenth of the total voting rights of all the shareholders having the right to vote on the resolution

(3) A demand for a poll may be withdrawn if—

(a) the poll has not yet been taken, and

(b) the chairman of the meeting consents to the withdrawal

(4) Polls must be taken immediately and in such manner as the chairman of the meeting directs

### **Content of proxy notices**

45 —(1) Proxies may only validly be appointed by a notice in writing (a "proxy notice") which—

(a) states the name and address of the shareholder appointing the proxy,

- (b) identifies the person appointed to be that shareholder's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed,
- (c) is signed by or on behalf of the shareholder appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the directors may determine, and
- (d) is delivered to the company in accordance with the articles and any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting to which they relate
- (2) The company may require proxy notices to be delivered in a particular form, and may specify different forms for different purposes
- (3) Proxy notices may specify how the proxy appointed under them is to vote (or that the proxy is to abstain from voting) on one or more resolutions
- (4) Unless a proxy notice indicates otherwise, it must be treated as—
  - (a) allowing the person appointed under it as a proxy discretion as to how to vote on any ancillary or procedural resolutions put to the meeting, and
  - (b) appointing that person as a proxy in relation to any adjournment of the general meeting to which it relates as well as the meeting itself

#### **Delivery of proxy notices**

- 46 —(1) A person who is entitled to attend, speak or vote (either on a show of hands or on a poll) at a general meeting remains so entitled in respect of that meeting or any adjournment of it, even though a valid proxy notice has been delivered to the company by or on behalf of that person
- (2) An appointment under a proxy notice may be revoked by delivering to the company a notice in writing given by or on behalf of the person by whom or on whose behalf the proxy notice was given
- (3) A notice revoking a proxy appointment only takes effect if it is delivered before the start of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates
- (4) If a proxy notice is not executed by the person appointing the proxy, it must be accompanied by written evidence of the authority of the person who executed it to execute it on the appointor's behalf

#### **Amendments to resolutions**

- 47 —(1) An ordinary resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution if—
- (a) notice of the proposed amendment is given to the company in writing by a person entitled to vote at the general meeting at which it is to be proposed not less than 48 hours before the meeting is to take place (or such later time as the chairman of the meeting may determine), and
  - (b) the proposed amendment does not, in the reasonable opinion of the chairman of the meeting, materially alter the scope of the resolution
- (2) A special resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution, if—
- (a) the chairman of the meeting proposes the amendment at the general meeting at which the resolution is to be proposed, and
  - (b) the amendment does not go beyond what is necessary to correct a grammatical or other non-substantive error in the resolution

(3) If the chairman of the meeting, acting in good faith, wrongly decides that an amendment to a resolution is out of order, the chairman's error does not invalidate the vote on that resolution

## **PART 5 ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

### **Means of communication to be used**

48 —(1) Subject to the articles, anything sent or supplied by or to the company under the articles may be sent or supplied in any way in which the Companies Act 2006 provides for documents or information which are authorised or required by any provision of that Act to be sent or supplied by or to the company

(2) Subject to the articles, any notice or document to be sent or supplied to a director in connection with the taking of decisions by directors may also be sent or supplied by the means by which that director has asked to be sent or supplied with such notices or documents for the time being

(3) A director may agree with the company that notices or documents sent to that director in a particular way are to be deemed to have been received within a specified time of their being sent, and for the specified time to be less than 48 hours

### **Company seals**

49 —(1) Any common seal may only be used by the authority of the directors

(2) The directors may decide by what means and in what form any common seal is to be used

(3) Unless otherwise decided by the directors, if the company has a common seal and it is affixed to a document, the document must also be signed by at least one authorised person in the presence of a witness who attests the signature

(4) For the purposes of this article, an authorised person is—

(a) any director of the company,

(b) the company secretary (if any), or

(c) any person authorised by the directors for the purpose of signing documents to which the common seal is applied

### **Rights to inspect accounts and other records**

50 The company's accounting and other records or documents shall be made available to the Authority and its auditors at all times and other persons shall be given access as provided by law or authorised by the directors or an ordinary resolution of the company

### **Provision for employees on cessation of business**

51 The directors may decide to make provision for the benefit of persons employed or formerly employed by the company or any of its subsidiaries (other than a director or former director or shadow director) in connection with the cessation or transfer to any person of the whole or part of the undertaking of the company or that subsidiary

## **DIRECTORS' INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE**

### **Indemnity**

52 —(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a relevant director of the company or an associated company may be indemnified out of the company's assets against—

- (a) any liability incurred by that director in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the company or an associated company,
- (b) any liability incurred by that director in connection with the activities of the company or an associated company in its capacity as a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined in section 235(6) of the Companies Act 2006),
- (c) any other liability incurred by that director as an officer of the company or an associated company

(2) This article does not authorise any indemnity which would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Companies Acts or by any other provision of law

(3) In this article—

- (a) companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate, and
- (b) a "relevant director" means any director or former director of the company or an associated company

### **Insurance**

53 —(1) The directors may decide to purchase and maintain insurance, at the expense of the company, for the benefit of any relevant director in respect of any relevant loss

(2) In this article—

- (a) a "relevant director" means any director or former director of the company or an associated company,
- (b) a "relevant loss" means any loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by a relevant director in connection with that director's duties or powers in relation to the company, any associated company or any pension fund or employees' share scheme of the company or associated company, and
- (c) companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate.

## **Conduct of the Company's affairs**

54 The shareholders and the directors shall exercise all voting rights held by them in relation to the company so as to procure (insofar as they are able by the exercise of such rights) that

- (1) the company fully complies with any obligations which it may from time to time have pursuant to applicable laws, including the Local Government Act 1972, Local Authorities (Companies) Order 1995, the Companies Act 2006 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000, including but not limited to
  - (i) the requirement to state in all relevant documents that the company is controlled by the Authority,



- (ii) the requirement to obtain the Audit Commission's consent to the appointment of the company's auditor, and
  - (iii) the requirement to, until the expiry of the period of four years beginning with the date of the meeting, to make available for inspection by any member of the public, a copy of the minutes of any General Meeting of the company. In accordance with the Local Authorities (Companies) Order 1995, no copies of minutes are to be made available which include any matter the disclosure of which would be in breach of any enactment, or of an obligation owed to any person,
- (2) the activities of the company are at all times consistent with the functions which may be performed by the Authority in its respective capacity as a public sector body