

**THE COMPANIES ACT 2006**

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION**

**To convert from a private limited company to a community interest company**

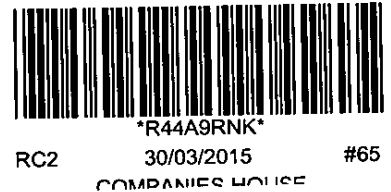
**Part A**

**Enter details of existing private limited company**

Company name Democracy Club Limited

Company number 09461226

Company type Company limited by guarantee



At a general meeting of the above company, duly convened and held at  
11 Abbotswood Road, East Dulwich, London, SE22 8DJ

On the following date 25 March 2015

The following three resolutions listed in Part B were passed as special resolutions.

**Part B**

**Enter details of proposed community interest company**

**RESOLUTION**

That the following shall be added to the articles of association

- (1) The company name shall be changed to  
Democracy Club Community Interest Company
- (2) The company shall be a community interest company
- (3) The articles of association shall be altered so as to comply with requirements in connection with becoming a community interest company  
The articles of association shall be altered so as to take the form of the articles of association attached to this resolution are in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, any articles of association of the company previously registered with the Registrar of Companies

Chairman

25/03/15

Date

## NOTES

- (1) On the formalities required when an existing company becomes a CIC, see generally section 37 of the Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise Act) 2004 and Chapters 4.2, 5.1 and 5.3 of the Regulator's guidance notes (available from the website [www.cicregulator.gov.uk](http://www.cicregulator.gov.uk))
- (2) This precedent is drafted as a certificate of passing of the special resolutions which a company must pass as part of the process of becoming a CIC. It is to be signed by the chairman of the general meeting at which the special resolutions are passed, certifying that the meeting was duly convened and the resolutions duly passed. As such it is the sort of document which should be forwarded to Companies House to show that the resolutions have been passed as required.
- (3) Section 32 obliges every CIC to include in its articles a statement that it is to be a CIC. Section 37(1)(c) and section 33 of the Act oblige companies converting to become CICs to change their names to include one of the prescribed CIC corporate designations rather than "limited" or "plc". In addition, section 32 of the Act, and regulations made under it (see Part 3 of, and Schedules 1 to 3 to, the Community Interest Company Regulations 2005) prescribe that certain provisions relating to the governance of the company, and transfers of its assets (the "prescribed provisions"), must be included in CICs' articles.
- (4) The precedent resolution complies with all these requirements. You may also want to make other changes. Broadly speaking, any provision of the company's articles can be changed by special resolution or notice of change of name by resolution, as appropriate. However, there are certain exceptions to this:
- (i) the clause in the articles which specifies whether the company's registered office is to be located in England and Wales, Wales or Scotland, and
  - (iii) any clause which the articles state is unalterable, or can only be altered by some procedure more onerous than the passing of a special resolution.
- (5) With the exception of the statement of CIC status, the precedent assumes that, rather than setting out each change introduced in the articles as a result of section 32 and the Regulations, the resolution will simply substitute a complete new form of memorandum and articles which includes all the changes. If, instead, you wish to introduce the prescribed provisions required by the Regulations (see note 3 above) piecemeal, you will need to add resolutions to that effect. But in any event, you must file a consolidated text of the articles as altered by any special resolution. It is an offence not to do so (see section 34 of the Companies Act 2006).

The Companies Act 2006

Community Interest Company Limited by Guarantee <sup>1</sup>

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**Memorandum of Association**

**of**

**Democracy Club Community Interest Company**

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**The Companies Act 2006**  
**Community Interest Company Limited by Guarantee**  
**Memorandum of Association "**  
**of**  
**Democracy Club Community Interest Company**

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.

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*Name of each subscriber<sup>1</sup>*

*Authentication by each subscriber*

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Dated 25 March 2015

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<sup>1</sup> On the different limited company forms available to CICs, see [Part 3] of the Regulator's information and guidance notes

<sup>2</sup> For companies incorporated after 1 October 2009 the memorandum of association will consist only of the names of the subscribers of the company. If you are an existing company incorporated prior to 1 October 2009 and wishing to become a community interest company, you will need to incorporate the relevant provisions of your current memorandum into the articles of the community interest company

<sup>3</sup> For illustration, space for one subscriber has been supplied here. There is no upper limit to the number of subscribers and further entries may be added as appropriate

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The Companies Act 2006

Community Interest Company Limited by Guarantee

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**Articles of Association<sup>1</sup>**

**of**

**Democracy Club Community Interest Company**

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(CIC Limited by Guarantee, Schedule 1, Small Membership)

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**The Companies Act 2006**

**Articles of Association**

**of**

**Democracy Club Community Interest Company**

**INTERPRETATION**

**1. Defined Terms**

1 1 The interpretation of these Articles is governed by the provisions set out in the Schedule at the end of the Articles

**1.2 COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY AND ASSET LOCK**

**2. Community Interest Company**

2 1 The Company is to be a community interest company

**3. Asset Lock<sup>2</sup>**

3 1 The Company shall not transfer any of its assets other than for full consideration

3 2 Provided the conditions in Article 3 3 are satisfied, Article 3 1 shall not apply to

(a) the transfer of assets to any specified asset-locked body, or (with the consent of the Regulator) to any other asset-locked body, and

(b) the transfer of assets made for the benefit of the community other than by way of a transfer of assets into an asset-locked body

3 3 The conditions are that the transfer of assets must comply with any restrictions on the transfer of assets for less than full consideration which may be set out elsewhere in the memorandum and Articles of the Company

3 4 If:

3.4.1 the Company is wound up under the Insolvency Act 1986, and

3.4.2 all its liabilities have been satisfied

any residual assets shall be given or transferred to the asset-locked body specified in Article 3 5 below.

3 5 For the purposes of this Article 3, the following asset-locked body is specified as a potential recipient of the Company's assets under Articles 3 2 and 3.4:

Name: UK Citizens for Online Democracy

(Please note that a community interest company cannot nominate itself as the asset locked body. It also cannot nominate a non-asset locked body. An asset locked body

is defined as a CIC or charity, a permitted industrial and provident society or non-UK based equivalent. )

Charity Registration Number (if applicable) 1076346

Company Registration Number (if applicable):

Registered Office:

483 GREEN LANES  
LONDON  
N13 4BS <sup>3</sup>

**4. Not for profit**

4 1 The Company is not established or conducted for private gain any surplus or assets are used principally for the benefit of the community.

**OBJECTS, POWERS AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

**5. Objects<sup>4</sup>**

The objects of the Company are to carry on activities which benefit the community and in particular (without limitation) to providing opportunities for greater democratic engagement

**6. Powers**

6 1 To further its objects the Company may do all such lawful things as may further the Company's objects and, in particular, but, without limitation, may borrow or raise and secure the payment of money for any purpose including for the purposes of investment or of raising funds

**7. Liability of members<sup>5</sup>**

The liability of each member is limited to £1, being the amount that each member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, for

7 1 payment of the Company's debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member,

7 2 payment of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up; and

7 3 adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

**DIRECTORS**

**DIRECTORS' POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES<sup>6</sup>**

**8. Directors' general authority**

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.

**9. Members' reserve power**

- 9 1 The members may, by special resolution, direct the Directors to take, or refrain from taking, specific action.
- 9 2 No such special resolution invalidates anything which the Directors have done before the passing of the resolution

**10. Chair**

The Directors may appoint one of their number to be the chair of the Directors for such term of office as they determine and may at any time remove him or her from office.

**11. Directors may delegate<sup>7</sup>**

- 11 1 Subject to the Articles, the Directors may delegate any of the powers which are conferred on them under the Articles or the implementation of their decisions or day to day management of the affairs of the Company

11 1 1 to such person or committee,

11 1 2 by such means (including by power of attorney),

11 1 3 to such an extent,

11 1.4 in relation to such matters or territories, and

11 1 5 on such terms and conditions,

as they think fit.

- 11 2 If the Directors so specify, any such delegation of this power may authorise further delegation of the Directors' powers by any person to whom they are delegated

- 11 3 The Directors may revoke any delegation in whole or part, or alter its terms and conditions

**DECISION-MAKING BY DIRECTORS**

**12. Directors to take decisions collectively<sup>8</sup>**

Any decision of the Directors must be either a majority decision at a meeting or a decision taken in accordance with Article 18 [In the event of the Company having only one Director, a majority decision is made when that single Director makes a decision ]

**13. Calling a Directors' meeting**

- 13.1 Two Directors may (and the Secretary, if any, must at the request of two Directors) call a Directors' meeting.
- 13.2 A Directors' meeting must be called by at least seven Clear Days' notice unless either
  - 13.2.1 all the Directors agree, or
  - 13.2.2 urgent circumstances require shorter notice
- 13.3 Notice of Directors' meetings must be given to each Director.
- 13.4 Every notice calling a Directors' meeting must specify
  - 13.4.1 the place, day and time of the meeting; and
  - 13.4.2 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.
- 13.5 Notice of Directors' meetings need not be in Writing
- 13.6 Notice of Directors' meetings may be sent by Electronic Means to an Address provided by the Director for the purpose
- 14. Participation in Directors' meetings**
- 14.1 Subject to the Articles, Directors participate in a Directors' meeting, or part of a Directors' meeting, when
  - 14.1.1 the meeting has been called and takes place in accordance with the Articles, and
  - 14.1.2 they can each communicate to the others any information or opinions they have on any particular item of the business of the meeting.
- 14.2 In determining whether Directors are participating in a Directors' meeting, it is irrelevant where any Director is or how they communicate with each other<sup>9</sup>
- 14.3 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
- 15. Quorum for Directors' meetings<sup>10</sup>**
- 15.1 At a Directors' meeting, unless a quorum is participating, no proposal is to be voted on, except a proposal to call another meeting.
- 15.2 The quorum for Directors' meetings may be fixed from time to time by a decision of the Directors, but it must never be less than two, and unless otherwise fixed it is [two]
- 15.3 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:

15.3 1 to appoint further Directors, or

15 3 2 to call a general meeting so as to enable the members to appoint further Directors.

**16. Chairing of Directors' meetings**

The Chair, if any, or in his or her absence another Director nominated by the Directors present shall preside as chair of each Directors' meeting

**17. Decision-making at meetings<sup>11</sup>**

17 1 Questions arising at a Directors' meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes

17 2 In all proceedings of Directors each Director must not have more than one vote<sup>12</sup>

17 3 In case of an equality of votes, the Chair shall have a second or casting vote

**18. Decisions without a meeting<sup>13</sup>**

18 1 The Directors may take a unanimous decision without a Directors' meeting in accordance with this Article by indicating to each other by any means, including without limitation by Electronic Means, that they share a common view on a matter. Such a decision may, but need not, take the form of a resolution in Writing, copies of which have been signed by each Director or to which each Director has otherwise indicated agreement in Writing.

18 2 A decision which is made in accordance with Article 18.1 shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting duly convened and held, provided the following conditions are complied with:

18 2.1 approval from each Director must be received by one person being either such person as all the Directors have nominated in advance for that purpose or such other person as volunteers if necessary ("the Recipient"), which person may, for the avoidance of doubt, be one of the Directors,

18.2.2 following receipt of responses from all of the Directors, the Recipient must communicate to all of the Directors by any means whether the resolution has been formally approved by the Directors in accordance with this Article 18 2;

18 2 3 the date of the decision shall be the date of the communication from the Recipient confirming formal approval;

18 2 4 the Recipient must prepare a minute of the decision in accordance with Article 32

**19. Conflicts of interest<sup>14</sup>**

19 1 Whenever a Director finds himself or herself in a situation that is reasonably likely to give rise to a Conflict of Interest, he or she must declare his or her interest to the Directors unless, or except to the extent that, the other Directors are or ought reasonably to be aware of it already

19.2 If any question arises as to whether a Director has a Conflict of Interest, the question shall be decided by a majority decision of the other Directors

19.3 Whenever a matter is to be discussed at a meeting or decided in accordance with Article 18 and a Director has a Conflict of Interest in respect of that matter then, subject to Article 20, he or she must

19.3.1 remain only for such part of the meeting as in the view of the other Directors is necessary to inform the debate,

19.3.2 not be counted in the quorum for that part of the meeting; and

19.3.3 withdraw during the vote and have no vote on the matter.

19.4 When a Director has a Conflict of Interest which he or she has declared to the Directors, he or she shall not be in breach of his or her duties to the Company by withholding confidential information from the Company if to disclose it would result in a breach of any other duty or obligation of confidence owed by him or her

## **20. Directors' power to authorise a conflict of interest**

20.1 The Directors have power to authorise a Director to be in a position of Conflict of Interest provided:

20.1.1 in relation to the decision to authorise a Conflict of Interest, the conflicted Director must comply with Article 19.3,

20.1.2 in authorising a Conflict of Interest, the Directors can decide the manner in which the Conflict of Interest may be dealt with and, for the avoidance of doubt, they can decide that the Director with a Conflict of Interest can participate in a vote on the matter and can be counted in the quorum,

20.1.3 the decision to authorise a Conflict of Interest can impose such terms as the Directors think fit and is subject always to their right to vary or terminate the authorisation.

20.2 If a matter, or office, employment or position, has been authorised by the Directors in accordance with Article 20.1 then, even if he or she has been authorised to remain at the meeting by the other Directors, the Director may absent himself or herself from meetings of the Directors at which anything relating to that matter, or that office, employment or position, will or may be discussed.

20.3 A Director shall not be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he or she derives from any matter, or from any office, employment or position, which has been authorised by the Directors in accordance with Article 20.1 (subject to any limits or conditions to which such approval was subject).

## **21. Register of Directors' interests**

The Directors shall cause a register of Directors' interests to be kept. A Director must declare the nature and extent of any interest, direct or indirect, which he or she has in

a proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company or in any transaction or arrangement entered into by the Company which has not previously been declared

## **APPOINTMENT AND RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS<sup>15</sup>**

### **22. Methods of appointing Directors**

22.1 Those persons notified to the Registrar of Companies as the first Directors of the Company shall be the first Directors.

22.2 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 a decision of the Directors

### **23. Termination of Director's appointment<sup>16</sup>**

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, or an order is made against that person in individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to that of bankruptcy,
- (c) a composition is made with that person's creditors generally in satisfaction of that person's debts,
- (d) 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 (but only if at least two Directors will remain in office when such resignation has taken effect); or
- (e) the Director fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Directors and the Directors resolve that the Director be removed for this reason.
- (f) the Director ceases to be a member

### **24. Directors' remuneration<sup>17</sup>**

24.1 Directors may undertake any services for the Company that the Directors decide

24.2 Directors are entitled to such remuneration as the Directors determine

- (a) for their services to the Company as Directors, and
- (b) for any other service which they undertake for the Company

24.3 Subject to the Articles, 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

24 4 Unless the Directors decide otherwise, Directors' remuneration accrues from day to day

24 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

## **25. Directors' expenses**

25 1 The Company may pay any 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 any class of members or of the holders of any 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

## **MEMBERS<sup>18</sup>**

### **BECOMING AND CEASING TO BE A MEMBER<sup>19</sup>**

## **26. Becoming a member<sup>20</sup>**

26 1 The subscribers to the Memorandum are the first members of the Company

26 2 Such other persons as are admitted to membership in accordance with the Articles shall be members of the Company

26 3 Each member of the company shall be a Director

26 4 No person shall be admitted a member of the Company unless he or she is approved by the Directors

26 5 Every person who wishes to become a member shall deliver to the company an application for membership in such form (and containing such information) as the Directors require and executed by him or her

## **27. Termination of membership<sup>21</sup>**

27 1 Membership is not transferable to anyone else

27 2 Membership is terminated if

- 27.2.1 the member dies or ceases to exist,
- 27.2.2 otherwise in accordance with the Articles, or
- 27.2.3 a member ceases to be a Director

## **DECISION MAKING BY MEMBERS**

### **28. Members' meetings<sup>22</sup>**

- 28.1 The Directors may call a general meeting at any time.
- 28.2 General meetings must be held in accordance with the provisions regarding such meetings in the Companies Acts<sup>23</sup>
- 28.3 A person who is not a member of the Company shall not have any right to vote at a general meeting of the Company, but this is without prejudice to any right to vote on a resolution affecting the rights attached to a class of the Company's debentures<sup>24</sup>
- 28.4 Article 28.3 shall not prevent a person who is a proxy for a member or a duly authorised representative of a member from voting at a general meeting of the Company

### **29. Written resolutions**

- 29.1 Subject to Article 29.3, a written resolution of the Company passed in accordance with this Article 29 shall have effect as if passed by the Company in general meeting
  - 29.1.1 A written resolution is passed as an ordinary resolution if it is passed by a simple majority of the total voting rights of eligible members
  - 29.1.2 A written resolution is passed as a special resolution if it is passed by members representing not less than 75% of the total voting rights of eligible members  
A written resolution is not a special resolution unless it states that it was proposed as a special resolution.
- 29.2 In relation to a resolution proposed as a written resolution of the Company the eligible members are the members who would have been entitled to vote on the resolution on the circulation date of the resolution
- 29.3 A members' resolution under the Companies Acts removing a Director or an auditor before the expiration of his or her term of office may not be passed as a written resolution.
- 29.4 A copy of the written resolution must be sent to every member together with a statement informing the member how to signify their agreement to the resolution and the date by which the resolution must be passed if it is not to lapse. Communications in relation to written notices shall be sent to the Company's auditors in accordance with the Companies Acts

29.5 A member signifies their agreement to a proposed written resolution when the Company receives from him or her an authenticated Document identifying the resolution to which it relates and indicating his or her agreement to the resolution

29.5.1 If the Document is sent to the Company in Hard Copy Form, it is authenticated if it bears the member's signature

29.5.2 If the Document is sent to the Company by Electronic Means, it is authenticated [if it bears the member's signature] or [if the identity of the member is confirmed in a manner agreed by the Directors] or [if it is accompanied by a statement of the identity of the member and the Company has no reason to doubt the truth of that statement] or [if it is from an email Address notified by the member to the Company for the purposes of receiving Documents or information by Electronic Means].

29.6 A written resolution is passed when the required majority of eligible members have signified their agreement to it

29.7 A proposed written resolution lapses if it is not passed within 28 days beginning with the circulation date.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS**

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

30.1 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

30.2 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

30.3 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 an agreed time of their being sent, and for the agreed time to be less than 48 hours.

##### **31. Irregularities**

The proceedings at any meeting or on the taking of any poll or the passing of a written resolution or the making of any decision shall not be invalidated by reason of any accidental informality or irregularity (including any accidental omission to give or any non-receipt of notice) or any want of qualification in any of the persons present or voting or by reason of any business being considered which is not referred to in the notice unless a provision of the Companies Acts specifies that such informality, irregularity or want of qualification shall invalidate it

##### **32. Minutes**

32.1 The Directors must cause minutes to be made in books kept for the purpose

32.1.1 of all appointments of officers made by the Directors,

32.1.2 of all resolutions of the Company and of the Directors (including, without limitation, decisions of the Directors made without a meeting), and

32.1.3 of all proceedings at meetings of the Company and of the Directors, and of committees of Directors, including the names of the Directors present at each such meeting;

and any such minute, if purported to be signed (or in the case of minutes of Directors' meetings signed or authenticated) by the chair of the meeting at which the proceedings were had, or by the chair of the next succeeding meeting, shall, as against any member or Director of the Company, be sufficient evidence of the proceedings

32.2 The minutes must be kept for at least ten years from the date of the meeting, resolution or decision

### **33. Records and accounts<sup>25</sup>**

The Directors shall comply with the requirements of the Companies Acts as to maintaining a members' register, keeping financial records, the audit or examination of accounts and the preparation and transmission to the Registrar of Companies and the Regulator of

33.1 annual reports,

33.2 annual returns; and

33.3 annual statements of account

33.4 Except as provided by law or authorised by the Directors or an ordinary resolution of the Company, no person is entitled to inspect any of the Company's accounting or other records or Documents merely by virtue of being a member

### **34. Indemnity**

34.1 Subject to Article 34.2, 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), and

(c) any other liability incurred by that Director as an officer of the Company or an associated company

34.2 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

34.3 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

### **35. Insurance**

35.1 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.

35.2 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.

### **36. Exclusion of model articles**

The relevant model articles for a company limited by guarantee are hereby expressly excluded.

## SCHEDULE

### INTERPRETATION

#### Defined terms

- 1 In the Articles, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the following meanings.

Term	Meaning
1 1 “Address”	includes a number or address used for the purposes of sending or receiving Documents by Electronic Means;
1 2 “Articles”	the Company’s articles of association;
1 3 “asset-locked body”	means (i) a community interest company, a charity <sup>26</sup> or a Permitted Industrial and Provident Society, or (ii) a body established outside the United Kingdom that is equivalent to any of those;
1 4 “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,
1.5 “Chair”	has the meaning given in Article 10,
1 6 “Circulation Date”	in relation to a written resolution, has the meaning given to it in the Companies Acts;
1 7 “Clear Days”	in relation to the period of a notice, that period excluding the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect,
1.8 “community”	is to be construed in accordance with accordance with Section 35(5) of the Company’s (Audit) Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004,
1.9 “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;
1 10 “Company”	[ ] [Community Interest Company/C I.C.];
1 11 “Conflict of Interest”	any direct or indirect interest of a Director (whether personal, by virtue of a duty of loyalty to another organisation or otherwise) that conflicts, or might conflict with the interests of the Company,

1.12	<b>“Director”</b>	a director of the Company, and includes any person occupying the position of director, by whatever name called,
1.13	<b>“Document”</b>	includes, unless otherwise indicated, any document sent or supplied in Electronic Form,
1.14	<b>“Electronic Form” and “Electronic Means”</b>	have the meanings respectively given to them in Section 1168 of the Companies Act 2006,
1.15	<b>“Hard Copy Form”</b>	has the meaning given to it in the Companies Act 2006;
1.16	<b>“Memorandum”</b>	the Company’s memorandum of association;
1.17	<b>“participate”</b>	in relation to a Directors’ meeting, has the meaning given in Article 14,
1.18	<b>“Permitted Industrial and Provident Society”</b>	an industrial and provident society which has a restriction on the use of its assets in accordance with Regulation 4 of the Community Benefit Societies (Restriction on Use of Assets) Regulations 2006 or Regulation 4 of the Community Benefit Societies (Restriction on Use of Assets) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006;
1.19	<b>“the Regulator”</b>	means the Regulator of Community Interest Companies,
1.20	<b>“Secretary”</b>	the secretary of the Company (if any);
1.21	<b>“specified”</b>	means specified in the memorandum or articles of association of the Company for the purposes of this paragraph,
1.22	<b>“subsidiary”</b>	has the meaning given in section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006,
1.23	<b>“transfer”</b>	includes every description of disposition, payment, release or distribution, and the creation or extinction of an estate or interest in, or right over, any property, and
1.24	<b>“Writing”</b>	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

- 2     **Subject to clause 3** of this Schedule, any reference in the Articles to an enactment includes a reference to that enactment as re-enacted or amended from time to time and to any subordinate legislation made under it
- 3     Unless the context otherwise requires, other words or expressions contained in these Articles bear the same meaning as in the Companies Acts as in force on the date when these Articles become binding on the Company.

<sup>1</sup> On articles of association generally, see [Part 5] of the Regulator's information and guidance notes. If you are an existing company wishing to become a community interest company, there is no need to adopt completely new articles, but you must comply with the requirements of the Community Interest Company Regulations 2005 (as amended) ("the Regulations") by including the provisions set out in Schedule 1 to the Regulations in the articles of your company.

<sup>2</sup> See [Part 6] of the Regulator's information and guidance notes. Inclusion of the provisions contained in article 3.1 to 3.3 is mandatory, reflecting sub-paragraphs (1) to (3) of paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Regulations.

<sup>3</sup> See regulation 23 of the Regulations and [Parts 6 and 10] of the Regulator's information and guidance notes. If the company does not specify that the remaining residual assets are to be transferred to a particular Asset Locked Body, an appropriate recipient will be chosen by the Regulator, in consultation with the company's directors and members.

<sup>4</sup> On the specification of the company's objects, see [Part 5] of the Regulator's information and guidance notes.

<sup>5</sup> On limited liability, see [Part 3] of the Regulator's information and guidance notes. On guarantees generally see [Chapter 3.2] of the Regulator's information and guidance notes.

<sup>6</sup> Note that although this model constitution assumes that all Directors are Members and all Members are Directors, and the Directors are given wide powers, under the Articles (and company law more generally) there are still some decisions which Members must make as Members (either in general meeting under the Companies Act 2006 (article 28.2), or by written resolution in accordance with article 29). [See in general the Companies House guidance booklet, "Resolutions" (available online at <http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk/about/gbhtml/gba7.shtml>)]

<sup>7</sup> Article 11 permits the Directors to delegate any of their functions. Delegation may take the form of, for instance, the Directors giving a managing director general authority to run the company's day to day business, or responsibility for specific matters being delegated to particular directors (e.g. financial matters to a finance director), or it may be equally appropriate to delegate matters to persons other than Directors. In all cases, it is important to remember that delegation does not absolve Directors of their general duties towards the company and their overall responsibility for its management. This means that, amongst other things, Directors must be satisfied that those to whom responsibilities are delegated are competent to carry them out.

<sup>8</sup> Article 12 states that the Directors must make decisions by majority at a meeting in accordance with article 14, or unanimously if taken in accordance with article 18.

<sup>9</sup> Article 14.2 is designed to facilitate the taking of decisions by the directors communicating via telephone or video conference calls. Note the requirement to keep a written record of meetings and decisions (article 32).

<sup>10</sup> The quorum may be fixed in absolute terms (e.g. "two Directors") or as a proportion of the total number of Directors (e.g. "one third of the total number of Directors"). You may even wish to stipulate that particular named Directors, or Directors representing particular stakeholder interests, must be present to constitute a quorum.

<sup>11</sup> Article 17 reflects paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 to the Regulations, which is required to be included in the articles of all community interest companies.

<sup>12</sup> You may wish to include a provision which gives the chair of the board a casting vote. This will enable the directors to resolve any deadlock at board level.

<sup>13</sup> Article 18 is designed to facilitate the taking of decisions by directors following discussions in the form of, for example, email exchanges copied to all the directors. Note the requirements as to recording the decision in articles 18.2 and 32.

<sup>14</sup> The provisions in articles 19 and 20 reflect the position under the Companies Act 2006. However, it is recommended that, as a matter of good practice, all actual and potential conflicts of interest are disclosed in writing or at a meeting, as the case may be.

<sup>15</sup> Private companies are obliged to have at least one director. Provisions can be inserted into the articles providing for a minimum number of directors. Where the company has just one director, that director must be a natural person. Article 12 notes that, where there is only one director, a majority decision is reached when that director makes a decision. In the case of a single director, the quorum provisions (article 15) will need to be amended accordingly.

<sup>16</sup> The board of directors cannot remove a director other than in accordance with the provisions in article 23 and the Companies Act 2006.

<sup>17</sup> See the guidance on directors' remuneration in [Part 9] of the Regulator's information and guidance notes.

<sup>18</sup> See section 112 of the Companies Act 2006. A company's members are (i) the subscribers to its memorandum, and (ii) every other person who agrees to become a member of the company and whose name is entered in its register of members.

<sup>19</sup> There is no need for all those who wish to become Members to subscribe to the Memorandum on incorporation; they can become Members and be entered in the register of Members after the company has been

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formed. However, since this model constitution assumes that all Members are also Directors, all Members will also have to be validly appointed as Directors under article 22.

<sup>20</sup> Inclusion of the provisions in article 26 (other than 26.3) is mandatory and reflects paragraphs 2(1)-(4) of Schedule 1 to the Regulations. [Directors should ensure that the information to be included on an application form includes all the information which will be required to fill in Companies House Form [288a] on the appointment of the new Member as a Director (see <http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk/forms/generalForms/288A.pdf>)] Article 26.3 provides that the Directors are also members of the company.

<sup>21</sup> Inclusion of the provisions of article 27.1 and 27.2.1 – 27.2.2 (reflecting sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) of paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the Regulations), is mandatory.

<sup>22</sup> The Companies Act 2006 has removed the need for private companies to hold annual general meetings and therefore these Articles follow suit, however, if you wish, you can insert an additional provision which obliges the company to hold annual general meetings.

<sup>23</sup> Article 28.2 provides that general meetings must be held in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006. You may insert additional provisions that specify how many Members are required to be present to hold a valid general meeting. The quorum may be fixed in absolute terms (e.g. “four Members”) or as a proportion of the total number of Members (e.g. “three quarters of the Members from time to time”). You may even wish to stipulate that particular named Members, or Members representing particular stakeholder interests, must be present to constitute a quorum. In any event, it is recommended that the quorum should never be less than half of the total number of Members.

<sup>24</sup> Inclusion of the provisions of article 28.3 (reflecting paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 1 to the Regulations) is mandatory.

<sup>25</sup> See the Companies House guidance booklet, “Accounts and Accounting Reference Dates” (available online at <http://www.companies-house.gov.uk/about/gbhtml/gba3.shtml>)]. On the annual community interest company report, see [Part 8] of the Regulator’s information and guidance notes.

<sup>26</sup> Section 1(1) of the Charities Act 2006 defines “charity” as an institution which “is established for charitable purposes only, and falls to be subject to the control of the High Court in the exercise of its jurisdiction with respect to charities.”

# CIC 37

## Declarations on Conversion to a Community Interest Company<sup>1</sup>

*Please  
complete in  
typescript,  
or in bold  
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capitals.*

**Company Number**

09461226

**Company Name in full**

Democracy Club

Limited

**Proposed Company  
Name in full**

Democracy Club

Community Interest Company

### **SECTION A: COMMUNITY INTEREST STATEMENT – beneficiaries**

- <sup>1</sup> We/I, the undersigned, declare that the company will carry on its activities for the benefit of the community, or a section of the community<sup>2</sup>. [Insert a short description of the community, or section of the community, which it is intended that the company will benefit in the space provided below ]<sup>3</sup>

*The company's activities will provide benefit to ...*

The company's activities will be carried on for the benefit of individuals across the United Kingdom.

09461226

## SECTION B: Community Interest Statement – Activities & Related Benefit

Please indicate how it is proposed that the company's activities will benefit the community, or a section of the community. Please provide as much detail as possible to enable the CIC Regulator to make an informed decision about whether your company is eligible to become a community interest company.

<b>Activities</b> (Tell us here what the company is being set up to do)	<b>How will the activity benefit the community?</b> <i>(The community will benefit by )</i>
Writing code to create online tools to gather data on matters relating to democracy and civic engagement	Our activities will result in the generation of free and open datasets for the community to use. Users could include journalists, charities, local or national governmental bodies or individual citizens.
Managing a list of volunteers to crowdsource data on matters relating to democracy	The community will benefit from new opportunities to engage in the democratic process and the sense of civic community and empowerment that results.
Holding and maintaining civic and democratic data	Academic researchers, journalists and interested citizens will benefit from open databases, such as a record of historic election results and candidates, or a public record of the location of every polling station in the UK.
If the company makes any surplus it will be used for <sup>4</sup> . Surpluses are devoted to expanding the business	

(Please continue on separate sheet if necessary.)

**COMPANY NUMBER**

09461226

**SECTION C: Declarations on conversion to a community interest company**

**Declaration 1**

We/I, the undersigned, declare and understand that the company in respect of which this application is made:

(a) cannot be an incorporated charity and a community interest company<sup>v</sup>

AND;

(b) if we are an existing incorporated charity that we have been given written consent from the Charity Commission or the Scottish Charity Regulator<sup>vi</sup> to the company's conversion to a community interest company

**Declaration 2**

We/I, the undersigned, declare that the company in respect of which this application is made will not be:

(a) a political party;

(b) a political campaigning organisation; or

(c) a subsidiary of a political party or of a political campaigning organisation.<sup>vii</sup>

**SECTION D:  
SIGNATORIES**

Each person who is the first director of company must sign the declarations.

Signed



Date

25 Mar 2015

Signed

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**COMPANY NUMBER**

### **CHECKLIST**

#### **Have the first directors signed the CIC37?**

This form must be accompanied by the following documents:

- (a) Special resolution stating the company should become a community interest company
- (b) To make such alterations of the articles of association as it considers necessary to comply with the requirements imposed by and by virtue of section 32 or otherwise appropriate in connection with becoming a community interest company, and
- (c) To change the company's name to include one of the following designates, community interest company/ c.i.c. / community interest public company/ community interest p l.c. or the Welsh equivalent.
- (d) Form NM01- Notice of change of name
- (e) A printed copy of the articles of the company as altered by the special resolutions
- (f) Any completed continuation sheets
- (g) A cheque for £25 made payable to Companies House

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

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Tel 07742079314	
DX Number	DX Exchange

#### **When you have completed and signed the form please send it to the Registrar of Companies at:**

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

*For companies registered in Scotland:* Companies House, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Edinburgh Quay 2, 139  
Fountainbridge, EH3 9FF DX 235 Edinburgh

*For companies registered in Northern Ireland:* Companies House, 2nd Floor, The Linenhall, 32-38 Linenhall Street, Belfast, BT2 8BG

## NOTES

<sup>1</sup> This form will be placed on the public record. Any information relevant to the application that you do not wish to appear on the public record, should be described in a separate letter addressed to the CIC Regulator and delivered to the Registrar of Companies with the other documents.

<sup>2</sup> The community interest test is referred to in section 35 of the Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004 and is expanded upon in regulations 3, 4 & 5 of the Regulations.

<sup>3</sup> E.g. "the residents of Oldtown" or "those suffering from XYZ disease".

<sup>4</sup> It is expected that surpluses will be primarily used to benefit the community or be reinvested into the company to promote its aims rather than for the personal gain of shareholders and/or directors.

<sup>v</sup> A community interest company cannot benefit from charitable status. An existing company which wishes to become a community interest company must either not have charitable status or must satisfy the criteria set out in section C declaration 2(b).

<sup>vi</sup> A Scottish charitable company is a company, which is a Scottish charity. A Scottish charity is a body entered in the Scottish Charity register, kept by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.

<sup>vii</sup> A company is not eligible to be formed as a community interest company if it will be an "excluded company". If you are not sure whether the company which you wish to form falls into any of these categories, you should refer to the definitions of the terms "political party", "political campaigning organisation" and "subsidiary" (and of the related terms "election", "governmental authority", "public authority" and "referendum") in Regulation 2 of the Regulations before completing this form.



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**CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION  
ON BECOMING A COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY**

Company Number 9461226

The Registrar of Companies for England and Wales hereby certifies that  
under the Companies Act 2006:

**DEMOCRACY CLUB LIMITED**

having changed its name; is now a Community Interest Company; and is  
incorporated under the name of:

**DEMOCRACY CLUB COMMUNITY INTEREST  
COMPANY**

Given at Companies House on **13th April 2015**



Companies House



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