

# **ASSOCIATION OF EAST MIDLANDS U3As**

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

### **AGM 2016 to be held on September 19th**

For reference a copy of the present constitution (as agreed at the AGM in July 2015) can be found on the Association of East Midlands U3As web site.

**Note:** Proposals 1 to 4 relate to Item 8 on the AGM whilst proposal 5 relates to item 9

#### **Proposal 1 - Networks and Lincolnshire**

At the February meeting of the RRC we were informed that the Lincolnshire Network had been disbanded in favour of three neighbourhood groups. To maintain full representation across the region whilst at the same time maintaining equality of views definition of networks have been amended to recognise this change.

2.5 A County Network comprises all U3As within that county. Hereafter they will be called the "Networks".

**(Amendment February 2016 – It was agreed that the Lincolnshire Network would cease to operate and would be replaced with three neighbourhood groups due to its geographic size. These are East Lincolnshire, Lincoln and South Lincolnshire. For the purpose of the constitution this arrangement is included within the term "Network")**

5.3. Each Network shall provide two Representatives to the RRC. Representatives will serve for three consecutive years and may be re-elected.

**(Amendment February 2016 – It was agreed that each of the Lincolnshire Neighbourhood Group would provide one representative to the RRC.)**

6.6. An RRC decision shall be taken on a simple majority of votes of members present at the meeting. The Chair shall have a second casting vote.

**(Amendment February 2016 – To maintain equity across the county networks it was agreed that the Lincolnshire Neighbourhood Groups should have no more than 2 votes on any RRC decision and this will also be dependent on their presence at a meeting.)**

#### **Proposal 2 – Paragraphs 5.4 and 6.5 - Assistant Secretary**

The post of assistant secretary, which has not been filled for some time, is removed from the list of RRC members – firstly as a cost saving measure but secondly it will reduce issues with the size of the quorum in any future meetings. If there is ever a need for additional assistance this can always be co-opted as allowed in paragraph 6.3.

### **Proposal 3 – Paragraph 6.1 – Vice Chair**

To maintain continuity of meetings should the Chair be unavailable at short notice the following sub-paragraph 6.1.a should be added:-

**6.1.a A vice chair should be nominated from the county network representatives to provide cover and continuity in the event of the Chair not attending a meeting.**

### **Proposal 4 – Removal of Clause 11.1**

The RRC has been advised by the Regional Trustee that clause 11.1 is no longer applicable and can be removed from the constitution. –i.e.

**11.1 Dissolution of the Association can take place only following a national decision of the Third Age Trust on Regional Structures**

Subsequently the Regional Trustee after discussion with Lin Jonas has requested the following clause is inserted;

**11.1 The Association can only be dissolved by a resolution from the RRC to the AGM. The resolution for dissolution must be passed by a two thirds majority of the U3As present at the AGM.**

### **Proposal 5 – Dissolution of the Association of the East Midlands U3As**

The RRC now believe that within the present and future structure of Third Age Trust and the U3A that the Association of East Midlands U3As can no longer play an integral or effective role which is relevant to the time and finances required. This proposal recommends that the AGM agrees to the disbandment of the Association of East Midlands U3As. Acceptance of this proposal will enable the RRC to carry out the following activities;

- a) To review all aspects of its present activities and ensure appropriate closure.
- b) To review and confirm all assets and liabilities and ensure appropriate disposal.
- c) In conjunction with the Regional Trustee to review all activities for the constituency of the East Midlands to ensure processes and procedures are in place for any future requirements.
- d) A full and final report will be made to the constituent U3As.

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