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Dear Members

Re: Submission of Memorandum of Articles of Association (MAA) to form a Limited Company without shares

I am writing to you to ask if you will support CALC in improving its governance arrangements. In order to this we need the above meeting to be quorate, that is a significant number of Parish and Town Councils attending and enabled to vote.

Attached to this letter are the MAAs and although it is rather a long dry document the key paragraphs are 19 and 23 which show how the new board members will be elected based on the changing arrangements in both Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness. We have listened carefully to your comments regarding Directors being councillors and geographically based. We have still allowed for 2 further members in case for example, no one elected is able to serve as Treasurer on the Board.

I appreciate that over the past 2 years, members have been asked to approve the proposed Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) application. However, on advice from the Charity Commission, we would need to do further work on this application which would delay implementing the improved governance arrangements which are clearly required. The proposal approved by the CALC executive is to apply for the Limited Company status, so this can be implemented at our next AGM. This will bring us into line with other similar County Association of Local Council organisations in England, whose templates we have used as models.

Once this is in place, with your support, we will revisit the requirements for the CIO and the advantages it may bring. Changing from a Limited Company to a CIO is a straightforward process.

I realise this is an evolving situation, so please if you have any questions, contact either myself or Sonia Hutchinson.

I look forward to seeing you via teams on 22nd July 2023.

Kind regards
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