

Annual General Meeting to be held virtually - July 2020

AGENDA ITEM 2

Progress to FoKP Charitable Status

Introduction

This report summarises our progress towards charitable status following the decision at the 2019 AGM to proceed with this approach.

Phase One – Decision Making



Phase Two – Application and Approval



Additional Information

Why a CIO?

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation is a new legal form for a charity which was created in response to requests from the charitable sector. It is a form of organisation which is not a limited company or subject to company regulations.

It exists in two different forms. We have adopted the model which allows for a voting membership in addition to the nominated Trustees. This means that all FoKP members can continue to have a voice in the running of the organisation and the setting of priorities through the AGM process.

Our Charitable Objects

In FoKP's original application we submitted charitable objects which closely matched our original aims. The Charity Commission advised that the format did not meet their legal requirements and recommended the following alternative.

The object of the CIO is for the benefit of the inhabitants of South London ("the area of benefit"), to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the area of benefit in particular by supporting the preservation, conservation, improvement and protection of Kennington Park.

The Committee, including the newly appointed Trustees, approved this change because it reflected all the key elements of our purpose. As a result, FoKP's status as a charity was confirmed on 3rd April 2020. This means that the financial year 2020/2021 will be fully under charity requirements.

Who are the Trustees?

In alphabetical order, the Trustees are:

- Adam Blacklay
- Marietta Crichton Stuart
- Colin Hunte
- Rita Sammons
- Marnie Searchwell
- Nikki Smiton
- Rachel Williams

Our Registration Number

Friends of Kennington Park - Registered Charity Number 1188922

All details, including the new constitution, can be found on the Charity Commission Website. Information is also available on our own website. www.kenningtonpark.org

Rita Sammons

FoKP Secretary