

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION BY SCOUT GROUP COUNCILS

ADOPTION OF RULES AND STANDING ORDERS

HAVING CONSIDERED THAT:

1. As a result of the implementation of the provisions of the Charities Act 2009 and the establishment of the Charities Regulatory Authority and the implementation of the Charities Acts (Northern Ireland) 2008 – 2013 and the establishment of the Charities Commission (Northern Ireland) all Scout Groups must register as a Charitable Organisation/ Charity with the relevant regulator;
2. The registration process in both jurisdictions requires the identity of Charity Trustees;
3. The registration process in both jurisdictions also requires the filing of a constitution document for the Charitable Organisation/ Charity;
4. Pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Scouting Ireland the National Management Committee has produced a standard constitution document (called *Rules and Standing Orders* for the purposes of distinction) which may be adopted by each Scout Group for the purposes of registration with the regulator;
5. The *Rules and Standing Orders* highlights that the two main functions of the Scout Group Council are management and administration on the one part and programme and adult resources on the other part;
6. The *Rules and Standing Orders document* details and clarifies the roles of the officers of the Scout Group and their responsibilities and proposes the creation of the Scout Group Executive Team within the Scout Group Council;
7. The *Rules and Standing Orders* also provides for a Scout Group Programme Team within the Scout Group Council to guarantee the progression of that function of the Scout Group;
8. The Scout Group Executive Team has the primary responsibilities and duties which are those required by the legislation for Charity Trustees and should same be followed then the members of the Scout Group Executive Team (the officers of the Scout Group – the Group Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Quartermaster/ Bo'sun and the Group Leader) would be identified as the Charity Trustees required by the regulators;
9. The National Management Committee has commenced a wide ranging consultation on the organisational structures of Scout Groups into the future but the consultation process and the development of a proposal will take time;
10. The registration procedures take place in the immediate future and consequently, the National Management Committee recommends the adoption of the *Rules and Standing Orders* and the structures set out therein without any amendment whatsoever other than inclusion of the name of the Scout Group.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by this Scout Group Council to **ADOPT** the Rules and Standing Orders as the

RULES and STANDING ORDERS of _____ **SCOUT GROUP.**

ATTACHMENT –

DRAFT RULES AND STANDING ORDERS DOCUMENT