

Charity Reorganisation – Summary of Application

Type of Scheme

Adelaide Place Baptist Church (SC013073) has applied to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) for approval of a reorganisation scheme for a variation of the constitution of the charity under section 42(3)(a) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act).

The charity has a constitution dating from 1903 and is established for the advancement of the Christian religion.

Background to Reorganisation

The existing constitution for the charity focuses on matters of faith and theology and church practice.

The charity's current constitution does not contain provisions that permit amendment or dissolution.

The administration of the charity would be enhanced if there was provision to modify or supplement the terms of the constitution as and when required to meet the various challenges and demands operating the work of the charity in a modern context.

Having in place a proper dissolution clause would also be in line with modern governance arrangements for a charity to ensure arrangements are in place should dissolution be an appropriate option to consider.

There is no intention to change the purposes and foundational work of the charity, the advancement of religion, specifically the Christian faith, through worship services and other activities for the benefit of its local community and further afield.

The following additional clauses are proposed:

1. Permitting amendments to the terms of the constitution (but not so as to alter the purposes or objects of the charity) if approved by a resolution of a two-thirds majority of the members of the charity voting at a duly convened meeting.
2. Permitting the dissolution of the charity if approved by a resolution of a two-thirds majority of the members of the charity voting at a duly convened meeting, but only on the basis that (after settling or providing for all the debts and liabilities of the charity) all the surplus assets of the

charity are transferred to a charity or charities having similar objects to those of the charity.

Reorganisation conditions

The trustees suggest that the following reorganisation condition is met:

42(2)(d) that it is desirable to introduce a provision (other than a provision setting out a new purpose) to a charity's constitution

The trustees suggest the condition is met because it will allow the charity to modify its administration to meet modern demands and enable a dissolution to be straight forward and cost effective if this were to be required.

Reorganisation outcomes

The trustees suggest that the following reorganisation outcome is met:

39(1)(b)(ii) that the proposed reorganisation scheme will enable the charity to be administered more effectively

The trustees suggest the outcome is met because the introduction of these provisions to the constitution will allow for the charity to have governance arrangements that are in line with modern practice.

How to make a representation in relation to the proposed reorganisation scheme

Any person may make a representation to OSCR either supporting or opposing this proposed reorganisation scheme. Should you wish to make a representation, you may do so by writing to OSCR providing the following information:

- Your name and address
- The name of the charity concerned
- The nature of the representation and reasons for it

These are the terms of Regulation 5 of the Charities Reorganisation (Scotland) Regulations 2007).

Representations should be sent to OSCR by post or email

Postal: OSCR
2nd Floor Quadrant House
Riverside Drive
Dundee

DD1 4NY

Email: info@oscr.org.uk

Representations can be made up to 14 days following the end of the publication period. The latest date for the receipt of representations is **10 September 2026**

We cannot accept representations via social media channels.

Copies of any representations will be provided to the applicant charity for comment. If you do not wish the charity to be provided with your personal details, please indicate this in your representation.

Personal details will otherwise be disclosed to the applicant charity.

Please contact us by email or by telephone on 01382 220446 if you have any questions about the submission of a representation.

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