

Constitution

Title

Faringdon Environmental Trust.

Area of Benefit

The Parish of Great Faringdon as shown on the attached plan.

Membership

The membership of the Trust to be three nominated Members from the Vale of White Horse Council and three nominated Members from the Faringdon Town Council. All nominated Members to have full voting rights and from among whom shall be selected the Chairman and Vice-Chairman who shall be elected annually, the Chairmanship rotating alternatively between the two Councils and the Vice-Chairmanship rotating alternatively in the opposite direction.

The Leader of the Vale of White Horse Council to be an ex-officio Member without voting rights as will the Town Mayor of Faringdon unless the Town Mayor be one of the three nominated Members. The six nominated Members shall have power to co-opt not more than four persons from appropriate bodies as they think fit, such persons not having voting rights but being required to formally accept that the National Code of Local Government Conduct applies to them. The period of co-option shall be a maximum of three years ending on the meeting immediately prior to the appropriate Annual Meeting of the Trust. At the Annual Meeting the nominated members shall have the power to co-opt new members or renew the membership of previous co-opted members. A quorum for meetings of the Trust shall be three nominated members including at least one from each constituent Council.

Objectives

To help preserve the best of the physical character of the area of benefit, and to help improve its environment. This to be additional to and not the supplanting of the responsibilities of existing agencies.

Interpretation

These objectives would include such activities as architectural restoration and construction work, special paving works, assistance with provision of special street furniture for a specific purpose, tree and shrub planting and such allied matters of an environmental nature.

Operation

The Trust is a Joint Committee between the Vale of White Horse Council and the Faringdon Town Council and is required to submit an annual report in September of each year to the respective Councils.

The Trust to be serviced by Officers of the Vale of White Horse Council.

The Trust may utilize and incur expenditure on local expertise in pursuit of its objectives.

Funding

The Vale of White Horse Council and the Faringdon Town Council shall each make an annual grant to the Trust of a sum to be mutually agreed.

The two Councils shall have the right conjointly to withhold or take back grant should, in the agreed opinion of the Councils, the Trust fail to utilize the monies in pursuit of the Trust's objectives. Financial contribution to be welcomed from private individuals and groups, subject to the approval of the Trust.

That the Vale of White Horse Council shall administer the Trust's fund on its behalf.

On winding up of the Trust, any contributions shall be returned to the respective Councils in direct proportion to the contribution made, similarly, any private donations not extended shall likewise be returned.