

**Quaggy Development Trust**

**(Charity Number: 1109711)**

**("Quaggy")**

**Consultation on proposed amendments to Quaggy Development Trust's Articles of Association**

**CONSULTATION PERIOD: 3<sup>rd</sup> February to 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021**

**1. Introduction**

1.1 Quaggy wishes to consult with the individuals and families who use our children's centres and benefit from our services about changes which the trustees of Quaggy propose to make to our Articles of Association.

1.2 Quaggy's Articles of Association are its governing document which sets out the rules for how the charity is managed.

**2. Proposed change to the objects**

2.1 A charity's objects are the statement of its charitable purposes. Everything that a charity does must be in furtherance of its objects.

2.2 Quaggy's current objects include a restricted area of benefit which means that the charity can only carry out activities in Coldbath and the Orchard Estates located in the West Ward of the London Borough of Greenwich and the immediate surrounding area.

2.3 The trustees wish to amend these objects so that the area of benefit is the entire West Ward of Greenwich and the immediate surrounding area.

2.4 The trustees wish to make this change because Quaggy now receives funding from the Royal Borough of Greenwich to run four additional children's centres in the wider West Ward area.

2.5 [These new children's centres are funded by the Royal Borough of Greenwich and therefore there will be **no** change in the services provided at the original Quaggy Children's Centre at the Coldbath and Orchard Estates as a result of this widening of the area of benefit.]

**3. Proposed change to the membership structure**

3.1 Quaggy is a charitable company limited by guarantee. This means that as well as trustees it has company law members (similar to shareholders in a share company). Company law members have certain constitutional powers, for example, to amend the charity's governing document, change its name, remove trustees or wind up the company.

3.2 Quaggy's current Articles state that its company law membership is open to all persons living, working or using services in the Coldbath and Orchard Estate and immediate surrounding area. However, in practice, Quaggy has found that most residents are not interested in becoming company law members and taking on this constitutional role.

3.3 Therefore, to streamline the membership structure, the trustees propose that the Articles should be amended so that Quaggy's trustees are also its company law members. This structure is used by many other charities and does not mean that only the trustees will be able to benefit from Quaggy's services.

3.4 This change will not have any impact on who can benefit from Quaggy's services and use its children's centres. Quaggy will also continue to ensure that there are plenty of opportunities for the families who use the children's centres to give feedback on the services.

#### 4. **Other changes**

4.1 The trustees also propose to generally update the Articles of Association in line with company law and charity law in order to simplify the administration of the charity and make the Articles more fit for purpose. A full copy of the proposed new Articles of Association can be viewed by email on request.

#### 5. **Your views**

5.1 If you have any comments, questions or concerns about the proposed changes to Quaggy's Articles of Association, please email [joanna@quaggychildrenscentre.org.uk](mailto:joanna@quaggychildrenscentre.org.uk) by **3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021**].