

**The Companies Act 2006
Articles of Association**

of

Healthwatch Hackney C.I.C.

INTERPRETATION

1. Defined Terms

The interpretation of these Articles is governed by the provisions set out in the Schedule at end of the Articles.

COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY AND ASSET LOCK

2. Community Interest Company

The Company is to be a community interest company limited by guarantee.

3. Asset Lock

3.1 The Company shall not transfer any of its assets other than for full consideration.

3.2 Provided the conditions in Article 3.3 are satisfied, Article 3.1 shall not apply to:

- (a) the transfer of assets to any specified asset-locked body, or (with the consent of the Regulator) to any other asset-locked body; and
- (b) the transfer of assets made for the benefit of the community other than by way of a transfer of assets into an asset-locked body.

3.3 The conditions are that the transfer of assets must comply with any restrictions on the transfer of assets for less than full consideration which may be set out elsewhere in the Memorandum and Articles of the Company.

3.4 If:

3.4.1 the Company is wound up under the Insolvency Act 1986; and

3.4.2 all its liabilities have been satisfied

any residual assets shall be given or transferred to an appropriate asset-locked body selected by the Regulator (but the Directors and the members shall in any consultation with the Regulator for the purposes of identifying such body, have regard to the directions of the Council).

4. Not for profit

The Company is not established or conducted for private gain: any surplus or assets are used principally for the benefit of the community.

OBJECTS, POWERS AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

5. Objects

The objects of the Company are to carry on activities which benefit the community and in particular (without limitation) to assist people within the London Borough of Hackney, and neighbouring local authority areas to influence the way in which their local health and social care services are planned, commissioned and delivered. This will involve the Company scrutinising and monitoring health and social care services provided in the borough. The Company may also provide advocacy, advice and information to support those people who have a complaint about NHS commissioned services, as well as help people to access and to make choices about health and social care services available in their area.

6. Powers

To further its objects the Company may do all such lawful things as may further the Company's objects and, in particular, but, without limitation, may borrow or raise and secure the payment of money for any purpose including for the purposes of investment or of raising funds.

7. Liability of members

The liability of each member is limited to £1, being the amount that each member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, for:

- 7.1 payment of the Company's debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member;
- 7.2 payment of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up; and
- 7.3 adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS' POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

8. Directors' general authority

Subject to the Articles, the Directors are responsible for the management of the Company's business, for which purpose they may exercise all the powers of the Company.

9. Members' reserve power

- 9.1 The members may, by special resolution, direct the Directors to take, or refrain from taking, specific action.
- 9.2 No such special resolution invalidates anything which the Directors have done before the passing of the resolution.

10. Chair

The Directors may appoint one of their number to be the chair of the Directors for such term of office as they determine and may at any time remove him or her from office.

11. Directors may delegate

- 11.1 Subject to the Articles, the Directors may delegate any of the powers which are conferred on them under the Articles:

- 11.1.1 to such person or committee;

- 11.1.2 by such means (including by power of attorney);

- 11.1.3 to such an extent;

- 11.1.4 in relation to such matters or territories; and

- 11.1.5 on such terms and conditions;

as they think fit.

- 11.2 If the Directors so specify, any such delegation may authorise further delegation of the Directors' powers by any person to whom they are delegated.
- 11.3 The Directors may revoke any delegation in whole or part, or alter its terms and conditions.

12. Committees

- 12.1 Committees to which the Directors delegate any of their powers must follow procedures which are based as far as they are applicable on those provisions of the Articles which govern the taking of decisions by Directors.
- 12.2 The Directors may make rules of procedure for all or any committees, which prevail over rules derived from the Articles if they are not consistent with them.

DECISION-MAKING BY DIRECTORS

13. Directors to take decisions collectively

Any decision of the Directors must be either a majority decision at a meeting or a decision taken in accordance with Article 19.

14. Calling a Directors' meeting

14.1 Two Directors may (and the Secretary, if any, must at the request of two Directors) call a Directors' meeting.

14.2 A Directors' meeting must be called by at least seven Clear Days' notice unless either:

14.2.1 all the Directors agree; or

14.2.2 urgent circumstances require shorter notice.

14.3 Notice of Directors' meetings must be given to each Director.

14.4 Every notice calling a Directors' meeting must specify:

14.4.1 the place, day and time of the meeting; and

14.4.2 if it is anticipated that Directors participating in the meeting will not be in the same place, how it is proposed that they should communicate with each other during the meeting.

14.5 Notice of Directors' meetings need not be in Writing.

14.6 Notice of Directors' meetings may be sent by Electronic Means to an Address provided by the Director for the purpose.

15. Participation in Directors' meetings

15.1 Subject to the Articles, Directors participate in a Directors' meeting, or part of a Directors' meeting, when:

15.1.1 the meeting has been called and takes place in accordance with the Articles; and

15.1.2 they can each communicate to the others any information or opinions they have on any particular item of the business of the meeting.

15.2 In determining whether Directors are participating in a Directors' meeting, it is irrelevant where any Director is or how they communicate with each other.

15.3 If all the Directors participating in a meeting are not in the same place, they may decide that the meeting is to be treated as taking place wherever any of them is.

16. Quorum for Directors' meetings

16.1 At a Directors' meeting, unless a quorum is participating, no proposal is to be voted on, except a proposal to call another meeting.

16.2 The quorum for Directors' meetings may be fixed from time to time by a decision of the Directors, but, at any time where there are at least two Directors in office, it must never be less than two, and unless otherwise fixed it is two.

16.3 At any time when there is only one Director in office, the quorum for Directors' meetings shall be one.

17. Chairing of Directors' meetings

The Chair, if any, or in his or her absence another Director nominated by the Directors present shall preside as chair of each Directors' meeting.

18. Decision making at a meeting

18.1 Questions arising at a Directors' meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes.

18.2 In all proceedings of Directors each Director must not have more than one vote.

18.3 In case of an equality of votes, the Chair shall have a second or casting vote.

19. Decisions without a meeting

19.1 The Directors may take a unanimous decision without a Directors' meeting by indicating to each other by any means, including without limitation by Electronic Means, that they share a common view on a matter. Such a decision may, but need not, take the form of a resolution in Writing, copies of which have been signed by each Director or to which each Director has otherwise indicated agreement in Writing.

19.2 A decision which is made in accordance with Article 19.1 shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting duly convened and held, provided the following conditions are complied with:

19.2.1 approval from each Director must be received by one person being either such person as all the Directors have nominated in advance for that purpose or such other person as volunteers if necessary ("the Recipient"), which person may, for the avoidance of doubt, be one of the Directors;

19.2.2 following receipt of responses from all of the Directors, the Recipient must communicate to all of the Directors by any means whether the resolution has been formally approved by the Directors in accordance with this Article 19.2;

19.2.3 the date of the decision shall be the date of the communication from the Recipient confirming formal approval;

19.2.4 the Recipient must prepare a minute of the decision in accordance with Article 48.

20. Conflicts of interest

20.1 Whenever a Director finds himself or herself in a situation that is reasonably likely to give rise to a Conflict of Interest, he or she must declare his or her interest to the Directors unless, or except to the extent that, the other Directors are or ought reasonably to be aware of it already.

20.2 If any question arises as to whether a Director has a Conflict of Interest, the question shall be decided by a majority decision of the other Directors.

20.3 Whenever a matter is to be discussed at a meeting or decided in accordance with Article 19 and a Director has a Conflict of Interest in respect of that matter then he or she must:

20.3.1 remain only for such part of the meeting as in the view of the other Directors is necessary to inform the debate;

20.3.2 not be counted in the quorum for that part of the meeting; and

20.3.3 withdraw during the vote and have no vote on the matter.

20.4 When a Director has a Conflict of Interest which he or she has declared to the Directors, he or she shall not be in breach of his or her duties to the Company by withholding confidential information from the Company if to disclose it would result in a breach of any other duty or obligation of confidence owed by him or her.

21. NOT USED

22. Register of Directors' interests

The Directors shall cause a register of Directors' interests to be kept. A Director must declare the nature and extent of any interest, direct or indirect, which he or she has in a proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company or in any transaction or arrangement entered into by the Company which has not previously been declared.

APPOINTMENT AND RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS

23. Methods of appointing directors

- 23.1 Those persons notified to the Registrar of Companies as the first Directors of the Company shall be the first Directors.
- 23.2 Any person who is willing to act as a Director, and is permitted by law to do so, may be appointed to be a Director:
- (a) by ordinary resolution; or
 - (b) by a decision of the Directors.
- 23.3 The Council shall from time to time have the right to appoint, by notice in writing addressed to the Company, and to maintain in office, one person as a Director and to remove any such Director and to appoint a replacement.
- 23.4 In any case where, as a result of death, the Company has no members and no Directors, the personal representatives of the last member to have died have the right, by notice in writing, to appoint a person to be a member.
- 23.5 For the purposes of Article 23.3, where two or more members die in circumstances rendering it uncertain who was the last to die, a younger member is deemed to have survived an older member.

24. Termination of Director's appointment

A person ceases to be a Director as soon as:

- (a) that person ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provision of the Companies Acts, or is prohibited from being a Director by law;
- (b) a bankruptcy order is made against that person, or an order is made against that person in individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to that of bankruptcy;
- (c) a composition is made with that person's creditors generally in satisfaction of that person's debts;
- (d) the Directors reasonably believe he or she is suffering from mental disorder and incapable of acting and they resolve that he or she be removed from office;
- (e) notification is received by the Company from the Director that the Director is resigning from office, and such resignation has taken effect in accordance with its terms (but only if at least two Directors will remain in office when such resignation has taken effect);

- (f) the Director fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Directors and the Directors resolve that the Director be removed for this reason; or
- (g) at a general meeting of the Company, a resolution is passed that the Director be removed from office, provided the meeting has invited the views of the Director concerned and considered the matter in the light of such views.

25. Directors' remuneration

- 25.1 Directors may undertake any services for the Company that the Directors decide.
- 25.2 The Chair is entitled to such remuneration as the Directors (with the written consent of the Council) determine for the Chair's services to the Company; and
- 25.3 Subject to the Articles, the Chair's remuneration may:
 - (a) take any form; and
 - (b) include any arrangements in connection with the payment of a pension, allowance or gratuity, or any death, sickness or disability benefits, to or in respect of the Chair.
- 25.4 Unless the Directors decide otherwise, the Chair's remuneration accrues from day to day.
- 25.5 No Director other than the Chair shall be entitled to any remuneration (but without prejudice to their right to receive expenses pursuant to Article 26 below).

26. Directors' expenses

The Company may pay any reasonable expenses which the Directors properly incur in connection with their attendance at:

- (a) meetings of Directors or committees of Directors;
- (b) general meetings; or
- (c) separate meetings of any class of members or of the holders of any debentures of the Company,

or otherwise in connection with the exercise of their powers and the discharge of their responsibilities in relation to the Company.

MEMBERS

BECOMING AND CEASING TO BE A MEMBER

27. Becoming a member

- 27.1 The subscribers to the Memorandum are the first members of the Company.
- 27.2 Such other persons as are admitted to membership in accordance with the Articles shall be members of the Company.
- 27.3 No person shall be admitted a member of the Company unless he or she is approved by the Directors.
- 27.4 Every person who wishes to become a member shall deliver to the Company an application for membership in such form (and containing such information) as the Directors require and executed by him or her.

28. Termination of membership

- 28.1 Membership is not transferable to anyone else.
- 28.2 Membership is terminated if:
 - 28.2.1 the member dies or ceases to exist;
 - 28.2.2 otherwise in accordance with the Articles; or
 - 28.2.3 at a meeting of the Directors at which at least half of the Directors are present, a resolution is passed resolving that the member be expelled on the ground that his or her continued membership is harmful to or is likely to become harmful to the interests of the Company. Such a resolution may not be passed unless the member has been given at least 14 Clear Days' notice that the resolution is to be proposed, specifying the circumstances alleged to justify expulsion, and has been afforded a reasonable opportunity of being heard by or of making written representations to the Directors. A member expelled by such a resolution will nevertheless remain liable to pay to the Company any subscription or other sum owed by him or her.

ORGANISATION OF GENERAL MEETINGS

29. General meetings

- 29.1 The Directors may call a general meeting at any time.
- 29.2 The Directors must call a general meeting if required to do so by the members under the Companies Acts.

29.3 The Directors must call a general meeting at least once in each calendar year.

30. Length of notice

All general meetings must be called by either:

30.1 at least 14 Clear Days' notice; or

30.2 shorter notice if it is so agreed by a majority of the members having a right to attend and vote at that meeting. Any such majority must together represent at least 90% of the total voting rights at that meeting of all the members.

31. Contents of notice

31.1 Every notice calling a general meeting must specify the place, day and time of the meeting, whether it is a general or an annual general meeting, and the general nature of the business to be transacted.

31.2 If a special resolution is to be proposed, the notice must include the proposed resolution and specify that it is proposed as a special resolution.

31.3 In every notice calling a meeting of the Company there must appear with reasonable prominence a statement informing the member of his or her rights to appoint another person as his or her proxy at a general meeting.

32. Service of notice

Notice of general meetings must be given to every member, to the Directors and to the auditors of the Company.

33. Attendance and speaking at general meetings

33.1 Any member may validly participate in a meeting of the Company through the medium of conference telephone or any other form of communications equipment (whether in use when these Articles are adopted or developed subsequently), provided that all persons participating in the meeting are able to hear and speak to each other throughout such meeting.

33.2 A person so participating by telephone or other communication shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting and shall be counted in a quorum and entitled to vote. Such a meeting shall be deemed to take place where the largest group of those participating is assembled or, if there is no group which is larger than any other group, where the chair of the meeting then is.

33.3 A resolution passed at any meeting held in the above manner, and signed by the Chair of the meeting, shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a general meeting.

34. Quorum for general meetings

- 34.1 No business (other than the appointment of the chair of the meeting) may be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present.
- 34.2 Two persons entitled to vote on the business to be transacted (each being a member, a proxy for a member or a duly Authorised Representative of a member); or 10% of the total membership (represented in person or by proxy), whichever is greater, shall be a quorum, save that at any time when there is only one member of the Company, that member shall be a quorum.
- 34.3 If a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to such time and place as the Directors may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting those present and entitled to vote shall be a quorum.

35. Chairing general meetings

- 35.1 The Chair (if any) or in his or her absence some other Director nominated by the Directors will preside as chair of every general meeting.
- 35.2 If neither the Chair nor such other Director nominated in accordance with Article 35.1 (if any) is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting and willing to act, the Directors present shall elect one of their number to chair the meeting and, if there is only one Director present and willing to act, he or she shall be chair of the meeting.
- 35.3 If no Director is willing to act as chair of the meeting, or if no Director is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote must choose one of their number to be chair of the meeting, save that a proxy holder who is not a member entitled to vote shall not be entitled to be appointed chair of the meeting.

36. Attendance and speaking by Directors and non-members

- 36.1 A Director may, even if not a member, attend and speak at any general meeting.
- 36.2 The chair of the meeting may permit other persons who are not members of the Company to attend and speak at a general meeting.

37. Adjournment

- 37.1 The chair of the meeting may adjourn a general meeting at which a quorum is present if:
 - 37.1.1 the meeting consents to an adjournment; or

- 37.1.2 it appears to the chair of the meeting that an adjournment is necessary to protect the safety of any person attending the meeting or ensure that the business of the meeting is conducted in an orderly manner.
- 37.2 The chair of the meeting must adjourn a general meeting if directed to do so by the meeting.
- 37.3 When adjourning a general meeting, the chair of the meeting must:
- 37.3.1 either specify the time and place to which it is adjourned or state that it is to continue at a time and place to be fixed by the Directors; and
- 37.3.2 have regard to any directions as to the time and place of any adjournment which have been given by the meeting.
- 37.4 If the continuation of an adjourned meeting is to take place more than 14 days after it was adjourned, the Company must give at least seven Clear Days' notice of it:
- 37.4.1 to the same persons to whom notice of the Company's general meetings is required to be given; and
- 37.4.2 containing the same information which such notice is required to contain.
- 37.5 No business may be transacted at an adjourned general meeting which could not properly have been transacted at the meeting if the adjournment had not taken place.

VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

38. Voting: general

- 38.1 A resolution put to the vote of a general meeting must be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is duly demanded in accordance with the Articles.
- 38.2 A person who is not a member of the Company shall not have any right to vote at a general meeting of the Company; but this is without prejudice to any right to vote on a resolution affecting the rights attached to a class of the Company's debentures.
- 38.3 Article 38.2 shall not prevent a person who is a proxy for a member or a duly Authorised Representative from voting at a general meeting of the Company.
- 38.4 No amendment to the Articles shall be effective unless such Amendment has first been approved by the Council in writing.

39. Votes

- 39.1 On a vote on a resolution on a show of hands at a meeting every person present in person (whether a member, proxy or Authorised Representative of a member) and entitled to vote shall have a maximum of one vote.
- 39.2 On a vote on a resolution on a poll at a meeting every member present in person or by proxy or Authorised Representative shall have one vote.
- 39.3 In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chair of the meeting shall not be entitled to a casting vote in addition to any other vote he or she may have.
- 39.4 No member shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting unless all monies presently payable by him, her or it to the Company have been paid.
- 39.5 The following provisions apply to any organisation that is a member (“a Member Organisation”):
- 39.5.1 a Member Organisation may nominate any individual to act as its representative (“an Authorised Representative”) at any meeting of the Company;
- 39.5.2 the Member Organisation must give notice in Writing to the Company of the name of its Authorised Representative. The Authorised Representative will not be entitled to represent the Member Organisation at any meeting of the Company unless such notice has been received by the Company. The Authorised Representative may continue to represent the Member Organisation until notice in Writing is received by the Company to the contrary;
- 39.5.3 a Member Organisation may appoint an Authorised Representative to represent it at a particular meeting of the Company or at all meetings of the Company until notice in Writing to the contrary is received by the Company;
- 39.5.4 any notice in Writing received by the Company shall be conclusive evidence of the Authorised Representative’s authority to represent the Member Organisation or that his or her authority has been revoked. The Company shall not be required to consider whether the Authorised Representative has been properly appointed by the Member Organisation;
- 39.5.5 an individual appointed by a Member Organisation to act as its Authorised Representative is entitled to exercise (on behalf of the Member Organisation) the same powers as the Member Organisation could exercise if it were an individual member;
- 39.5.6 on a vote on a resolution at a meeting of the Company, the Authorised Representative has the same voting rights as the Member

Organisation would be entitled to if it was an individual member present in person at the meeting; and

39.5.7 the power to appoint an Authorised Representative under this Article 39.5 is without prejudice to any rights which the Member Organisation has under the Companies Acts and the Articles to appoint a proxy or a corporate representative.

40. Poll votes

40.1 A poll on a resolution may be demanded:

40.1.1 in advance of the general meeting where it is to be put to the vote;
or

40.1.2 at a general meeting, either before a show of hands on that resolution or immediately after the result of a show of hands on that resolution is declared.

40.2 A poll may be demanded by:

40.2.1 the chair of the meeting;

40.2.2 the Directors;

40.2.3 two or more persons having the right to vote on the resolution;

40.2.4 any person, who, by virtue of being appointed proxy for one or more members having the right to vote at the meeting, holds two or more votes; or

40.2.5 a person or persons representing not less than one tenth of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote on the resolution.

40.3 A demand for a poll may be withdrawn if:

40.3.1 the poll has not yet been taken; and

40.3.2 the chair of the meeting consents to the withdrawal.

40.4 Polls must be taken immediately and in such manner as the chair of the meeting directs.

41. Errors and disputes

41.1 No objection may be raised to the qualification of any person voting at a general meeting except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting is valid.

41.2 Any such objection must be referred to the chair of the meeting whose decision is final.

42. Content of proxy notices

42.1 Proxies may only validly be appointed by a notice in writing (a "Proxy Notice") which:

- (a) states the name and address of the member appointing the proxy;
- (b) identifies the person appointed to be that member's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed;
- (c) is signed by or on behalf of the member appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the directors may determine; and
- (d) is delivered to the Company in accordance with the Articles and any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting to which they relate.

42.2 The Company may require Proxy Notices to be delivered in a particular form, and may specify different forms for different purposes.

42.3 Proxy Notices may specify how the proxy appointed under them is to vote (or that the proxy is to abstain from voting) on one or more resolutions.

42.4 Unless a Proxy Notice indicates otherwise, it must be treated as:

- (a) allowing the person appointed under it as a proxy discretion as to how to vote on any ancillary or procedural resolutions put to the meeting; and
- (b) appointing that person as a proxy in relation to any adjournment of the general meeting to which it relates as well as the meeting itself.

43. Delivery of proxy notices

43.1 A person who is entitled to attend, speak or vote (either on a show of hands or on a poll) at a general meeting remains so entitled in respect of that meeting or any adjournment of it, even though a valid Proxy Notice has been delivered to the Company by or on behalf of that person.

43.2 An appointment under a Proxy Notice may be revoked by delivering to the Company a notice in Writing given by or on behalf of the person by whom or on whose behalf the Proxy Notice was given.

43.3 A notice revoking the appointment of a proxy only takes effect if it is delivered before the start of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates.

44. Amendments to resolutions

- 44.1 An ordinary resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution if:
- 44.1.1 notice of the proposed amendment is given to the Company in Writing by a person entitled to vote at the general meeting at which it is to be proposed not less than 48 hours before the meeting is to take place (or such later time as the chair of the meeting may determine); and
 - 44.1.2 the proposed amendment does not, in the reasonable opinion of the chair of the meeting, materially alter the scope of the resolution.
- 44.2 A special resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution, if:
- 44.2.1 the chair of the meeting proposes the amendment at the general meeting at which the resolution is to be proposed; and
 - 44.2.2 the amendment does not go beyond what is necessary to correct a grammatical or other non-substantive error in the resolution.
- 44.3 If the chair of the meeting, acting in good faith, wrongly decides that an amendment to a resolution is out of order, the chair's error does not invalidate the vote on that resolution.

WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS

45. Written resolutions

- 45.1 Subject to Article 45.3, a written resolution of the Company passed in accordance with this Article 45 shall have effect as if passed by the Company in general meeting:
- 45.1.1 A written resolution is passed as an ordinary resolution if it is passed by a simple majority of the total voting rights of eligible members.
 - 45.1.2 A written resolution is passed as a special resolution if it is passed by members representing not less than 75% of the total voting rights of eligible members. A written resolution is not a special resolution unless it states that it was proposed as a special resolution.
- 45.2 In relation to a resolution proposed as a written resolution of the Company the eligible members are the members who would have been entitled to vote on the resolution on the circulation date of the resolution.
- 45.3 A members' resolution under the Companies Acts removing a Director or an auditor before the expiration of his or her term of office may not be passed as a written resolution.

- 45.4 A copy of the written resolution must be sent to every member together with a statement informing the member how to signify their agreement to the resolution and the date by which the resolution must be passed if it is not to lapse. Communications in relation to written notices shall be sent to the Company's auditors in accordance with the Companies Acts.
- 45.5 A member signifies their agreement to a proposed written resolution when the Company receives from him or her an authenticated Document identifying the resolution to which it relates and indicating his or her agreement to the resolution.
- 45.5.1 If the Document is sent to the Company in Hard Copy Form, it is authenticated if it bears the member's signature.
- 45.5.2 If the Document is sent to the Company by Electronic Means, it is authenticated if it is from an email Address notified by the member to the Company for the purposes of receiving Documents or information by Electronic Means.
- 45.6 A written resolution is passed when the required majority of eligible members have signified their agreement to it.
- 45.7 A proposed written resolution lapses if it is not passed within 28 days beginning with the circulation date.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS

46. Means of communication to be used

- 46.1 Subject to the Articles, anything sent or supplied by or to the Company under the Articles may be sent or supplied in any way in which the Companies Act 2006 provides for Documents or information which are authorised or required by any provision of that Act to be sent or supplied by or to the Company.
- 46.2 Subject to the Articles, any notice or Document to be sent or supplied to a Director in connection with the taking of decisions by Directors may also be sent or supplied by the means by which that Director has asked to be sent or supplied with such notices or Documents for the time being.
- 46.3 A Director may agree with the Company that notices or Documents sent to that Director in a particular way are to be deemed to have been received within an agreed time of their being sent, and for the agreed time to be less than 48 hours.

47. Irregularities

The proceedings at any meeting or on the taking of any poll or the passing of a written resolution or the making of any decision shall not be invalidated by reason of any accidental informality or irregularity (including any accidental omission to give or any non-receipt of notice) or any want of

qualification in any of the persons present or voting or by reason of any business being considered which is not referred to in the notice unless a provision of the Companies Acts specifies that such informality, irregularity or want of qualification shall invalidate it.

48. Minutes

48.1 The Directors must cause minutes to be made in books kept for the purpose:

48.1.1 of all appointments of officers made by the Directors;

48.1.2 of all resolutions of the Company and of the Directors; and

48.1.3 of all proceedings at meetings of the Company and of the Directors, and of committees of Directors, including the names and locations of the Directors attending each such meeting and the method of communication used by those Directors attending but not physically present;

and any such minute, if purported to be signed (or in the case of minutes of Directors' meetings signed or authenticated) by the chair of the meeting at which the proceedings were had, or by the chair of the next succeeding meeting, shall, as against any member or Director of the Company, be sufficient evidence of the proceedings.

48.2 The minutes must be kept for at least ten years from the date of the meeting, resolution or decision and a copy of any such minutes shall be made available to the Council on their request.

49. Records and accounts

49.1 The Directors shall comply with the requirements of the Companies Acts as to maintaining a members' register, keeping financial records, the audit or examination of accounts and the preparation and transmission to the Registrar of Companies and the Regulator of:

(a) annual reports;

(b) annual returns; and

(c) annual statements of account.

50. Indemnity

50.1 Subject to Article 50.2, a relevant Director of the Company or an associated company may be indemnified out of the Company's assets against:

(a) any liability incurred by that Director in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Company or an associated company;

- (b) any liability incurred by that Director in connection with the activities of the Company or an associated company in its capacity as a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined in section 235(6) of the Companies Act 2006); and
- (c) any other liability incurred by that Director as an officer of the Company or an associated company.

50.2 This Article does not authorise any indemnity which would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Companies Acts or by any other provision of law.

50.3 In this Article:

- (a) companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate; and
- (b) a “relevant Director” means any Director or former Director of the Company or an associated company.

51. Insurance

51.1 The Directors may decide to purchase and maintain insurance, at the expense of the Company, for the benefit of any relevant Director in respect of any relevant loss.

51.2 In this Article:

- (a) a “relevant Director” means any Director or former Director of the Company or an associated company;
- (b) a “relevant loss” means any loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by a relevant Director in connection with that Director’s duties or powers in relation to the Company, any associated company or any pension fund or employees’ share scheme of the company or associated company; and
- (c) companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate.

52. Exclusion of model articles

The relevant model articles for a company limited by guarantee are hereby expressly excluded.

SCHEDULE
INTERPRETATION

Defined terms

1. In the Articles, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Term	Meaning
1.1 “Address”	includes a number or address used for the purposes of sending or receiving Documents by Electronic Means;
1.2 “Articles”	the Company’s articles of association;
1.3 “Authorised Representative”	means any individual nominated by a Member Organisation to act as its representative at any meeting of the Company in accordance with Article 39;
1.4 “asset-locked body”	means (i) a community interest company, a charity or a Permitted Industrial and Provident Society; or (ii) a body established outside the United Kingdom that is equivalent to any of those;
1.5 “bankruptcy”	includes individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to that of bankruptcy;
1.6 “Chair”	has the meaning given in Article 10;
1.7 “chairman of the meeting”	has the meaning given in Article 35;
1.8 “Circulation Date”	in relation to a written resolution, has the meaning given to it in the Companies Acts;
1.9 “Clear Days”	in relation to the period of a notice, that period excluding the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect;
1.10 “community”	is to be construed in accordance with accordance with Section 35(5) of the Company’s (Audit) Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004;

- 1.11 “Companies Acts” means the Companies Acts (as defined in Section 2 of the Companies Act 2006), in so far as they apply to the Company;
- 1.12 “Company” Healthwatch Hackney C.I.C;
- 1.13 “Conflict of Interest” any direct or indirect interest of a Director (whether personal, by virtue of a duty of loyalty to another organisation or otherwise) that conflicts, or might conflict with the interests of the Company;
- 1.14 “Council” means the London Borough of Hackney;
- 1.15 “Director” a director of the Company, and includes any person occupying the position of director, by whatever name called;
- 1.16 “Document” includes, unless otherwise indicated, any Document sent or supplied in Electronic Form;
- 1.17 “Electronic Form” and “Electronic Means” have the meanings respectively given to them in Section 1168 of the Companies Act 2006;
- 1.18 “Hard Copy Form” has the meaning given to it in the Companies Act 2006;
- 1.19 “Memorandum” the Company’s memorandum of association;
- 1.20 “paid” means paid or credited as paid;
- 1.21 “participate” in relation to a Directors’ meeting, has the meaning given in Article 15;
- 1.22 “Permitted Industrial and Provident Society” and an industrial and provident society which has a restriction on the use of its assets in accordance with Regulation 4 of the Community Benefit Societies (Restriction on Use of Assets) Regulations 2006 or Regulation 4 of the Community Benefit Societies (Restriction on Use of Assets) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006;
- 1.23 “Proxy Notice” has the meaning given in Article 42;
- 1.24 “the Regulator” means the Regulator of Community Interest Companies;
- 1.25 “Secretary” the secretary of the Company (if any);
- 1.26 “specified” means specified in the memorandum and articles of association of the Company for the purposes of this paragraph;

- 1.27 “subsidiary” has the meaning given in section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006;
- 1.28 “transfer” includes every description of disposition, payment, release or distribution, and the creation or extinction of an estate or interest in, or right over, any property; and
- 1.29 “Writing” the representation or reproduction of words, symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in Electronic Form or otherwise.
2. Subject to clause 3 of this Schedule, any reference in the Articles to an enactment includes a reference to that enactment as re-enacted or amended from time to time and to any subordinate legislation made under it.
3. Unless the context otherwise requires, other words or expressions contained in these Articles bear the same meaning as in the Companies Act 2006 as in force on the date when the Articles become binding on the Company.

CIC 36

Declarations on Formation of a Community Interest Company

*Please
complete in
typescript,
or in bold
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capitals.*

Company Name in full

Healthwatch Hackney

Community Interest Company

SECTION A: COMMUNITY INTEREST STATEMENT – beneficiaries

1. We/I, the undersigned, declare that the company will carry on its activities for the benefit of the community, or a section of the community.

The company's activities will provide benefit to the residents of the London Borough of Hackney and neighbouring Boroughs, who use health and/or social care services provided within the London Borough of Hackney and /or neighbouring Boroughs.

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SECTION B: Community Interest Statement – Activities & Related Benefit

Please indicate how it is proposed that the company's activities will benefit the community, or a section of the community. Please provide as much detail as possible to enable the CIC Regulator to make an informed decision about whether your proposed company is eligible to become a community interest company. It would be useful if you were to explain how you think your company will be different from a commercial company providing similar services or products for individual or personal gain.

Activities <i>(Tell us here what the company is being set up to do)</i>	How will the activity benefit the community? <i>(The community will benefit by...)</i>
Promoting and supporting the involvement of local people in decisions about health and social care and choice in relation to aspects of those services.	The community will benefit by giving people a real input into decision making about the shape of health and care services in their community.
Monitoring and scrutinising provision of local health and care services and making recommendations about how those services could or should be improved.	The community will benefit by receiving improved local health and care services.

<p>Obtaining the views of people about their needs for and experience of local care services and make those views known to those involved in the commissioning, provision and scrutiny of care services.</p>	<p>The community will benefit by giving people a real input into decision making about the shape of health and care services in their community.</p>
<p>Conducting "Enter & View" visits to premises where health or social care services are being provided (with certain exemptions).</p>	<p>The community will benefit by receiving improved local health and care services.</p>
<p>Provide a representative(s) on the Local Health & Wellbeing Board.</p>	<p>The community will benefit by giving people a real input into decision making about the shape of health and care services in their community.</p>

<p>Make the views and experiences of people known to Healthwatch England helping it to carry out its role as national champion.</p>	<p>The community will benefit by giving people the opportunity to influence the provision of health and social care services nationally, including the local area.</p>
<p>Make recommendations to Healthwatch England to advise the Care Quality Commission (CQC) to carry out special reviews or investigations into areas of concern (or, if the circumstances justify it, go direct to the CQC with their recommendations, for example if urgent action were required by the CQC).</p>	<p>The community will benefit by receiving improved local health and care services.</p>
<p>If the company makes any surplus it will be used for...</p> <p>Reinvestment in the company in order to improve and expand the provision of services to the community.</p>	

(Please continue on separate sheet if necessary.)

COMPANY NAME

Healthwatch Hackney C.I.C

SECTION C:

1. I, the undersigned, declare that the company in respect of which this application is made will not be:

- (a) a political party;
- (b) a political campaigning organisation; or
- (c) a subsidiary of a political party or of a political campaigning organisation.

SECTION D:

Each person who will be a first director of the company must sign the declarations.

Signed	<i>Emma Craig</i>	Date	08.03.13
Signed		Date	
Signed		Date	
Signed		Date	
Signed		Date	
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CHECKLIST

This form must be accompanied by the following documents:

- (a) Memorandum of Association
- (b) Articles of Association, which comply with requirements imposed by section 32 of the Act and Part 3 of the Regulations or which are otherwise appropriate in connection with becoming a community interest company
- (c) Form IN01- you need to indicate that the proposed company is adopting bespoke articles.
- (d) Any completed continuation sheets
- (e) A cheque for £35 made payable to Companies House

You do not have to give any contact information in the box opposite but if you do, it will help the Registrar of Companies to contact you if there is a query on the form. The contact information that you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

Alex Kynoch	
Browne Jacobson LLP, Mowbray House, Castle Meadow Road,	
Nottingham	
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DX Number 718130 Nottingham 27	DX Exchange

When you have completed and signed the form, please send it to the Registrar of Companies at:

For companies registered in England and Wales: Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ
DX 33050 Cardiff

For companies registered in Scotland: Companies House, 4th Floor, Edinburgh Quay 2, 139
Fountainbridge, EH3 9FF DX 235 Edinburgh

For companies registered in Northern Ireland: Companies House, 2nd Floor, The Linenhall, 32-38
Linenhall Street, Belfast, BT2 8BG



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The Royal Bank of Scotland

London Corporate Centre PO Box 39952 2 1/2 Devonshire Square London EC2M 4XJ

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Pay *****

Companies House

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Date 08/03/13

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For and on behalf of
BROWNE JACOBSON LLP
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