

# Proposed amendment to the Constitution



The Charity Commission requires that General Meetings are held physically, unless the charity's Constitution permits otherwise.

Recognising that members of The Friends are located in a wide variety of locations within the UK and overseas, for many attendance at physical general meetings can be problematical, reducing the ability of Members to participate in the governance of the CIO. Allowing such meetings to be held by electronic or hybrid means such as online video-conferencing would help resolve this concern.

The Friends' Constitution permits the use of electronic means for Trustee meeting so it is proposed to extend this provision to all meetings, including General Meetings. This proposal requires a 75% vote in favour to be passed.

Therefore, we ask the Annual General Meeting of 2023 to pass the following Resolution:

**Resolved: That the Constitution of The Friends of Streatham Hill Theatre be amended to permit the use of electronic or hybrid means for any meetings, with effect from the end of this general meeting, subject to any approval required by the Charity Commission. The Trustees are empowered to make necessary amendments to ensure acceptance by the Charity Commission providing the intent of the amendment is preserved.**

*The Constitution text is amended as follows:*

*Delete Section 19 (Meetings and proceedings of charity trustees) Sub-section (4) and Insert in Section 22 (Use of electronic communications), Sub-section (4) as follows*

#### **4. Meetings using electronic or hybrid means**

"In this constitution the expression 'meeting' includes, except where inconsistent with any legal obligation:

- a physical meeting
- a video conference, an internet video facility or similar electronic method allowing simultaneous visual and audio participation, and
- telephone conferencing."

**[End of Resolution]**

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