

Hi

Many thanks for enabling me to make this submission.

I feel the DFT proposals are very relative to current times in normal organisations earning a return on investment, but I expect many of your audience comprises of volunteers. One must not overlook family is more important than volunteering, it is a bonus to do credit to both, so at the end of the day we all do our best.

However I expect the impact upon 38,000 incorporations will vary widely.

It will depend upon the resources, whether it be the committee or its members, and then whether it be :

The skills of the committee or members in understanding regulations, IT

Just plain practical experience in similar fields or situations.

IT Equipment

Internet availability

Funds to facilitate equipment

Funds to pay for specialist consultants.

The threat of political pressures and passions from within Local Government organisations.

Anyway, as I stated earlier, I feel the DFT proposals are very relative to current times, however there is one item I feel needs to be considered in the proposed changes.

It is,

The is to request the Schedule 3 “Model Constitution, Part 2 of Members of association, item 3 Membership applications

This be expanded to include as an additional requirement, point 5 (c) the applicant be advised of any qualifying period before being able to vote at a General or Annual General Meeting. Such qualifying period is determined by the committee and may relate to attending a number of general meetings or period of time since being on the register of members or other appropriate qualification for the organisation.

I would appreciate this being taken into consideration.

Keep up the good work, I feel your team at DFT have done a magnificent job.

Regards