

## Special General Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – Priestlands School

The LCA held a Special General Meeting for members on Thursday evening with the intention of gaining members agreement for the following Resolutions: -

### Resolution 1

To approve the change to the original conveyance to enable members to vote on the incorporation proposal.

### Resolution 2

To approve the move to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

### Results

Resolution 1				
Total votes cast	For	Against	Unmarked	Percentage For
260	224	34	2	86%

Resolution 2				
Total votes cast	For	Against	Unmarked	Percentage For
258	217	39	2	84%

We are pleased with this result which enables the Trustees to move ahead with confidence to deliver the next phase of Centre development. It was encouraging for Staff and Trustees that so many members actively participated in the debate and supported the proposals.

### Background

The Resolutions were to enable the current unincorporated LCA Charity to become a Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The primary intention being to limit current and future Trustees' exposure to liability in today's litigious society. This is nothing new or revolutionary, we are late comers to incorporation. The Charity Commission made this option available from 2013 and many thousands of Charities have made this move already.

The move to an incorporated Charity requires all assets of the current Charity to be transferred to the new organisation. The way the land is endowed to LCA presented problems which was the reason this had previously been dropped. The barrier was in the wording of the original conveyance which required a meeting of "the inhabitants aged 18 years and upward of the Borough of Lymington". The Borough of Lymington no longer exists and 40% of our current membership is drawn from outside of those boundaries. The Charity Commission advice was that, as a wider membership organisation, we could put the change to the original conveyance clause to our members as long as we gained approval with a 2/3rds (or 67%) majority of those voting either in person or by proxy. This ensured that support was robust across the membership.

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