Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014

Acknowledgement of registration of a rule amendment

This document acknowledges the registration of the amendment of the attached rules under Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 for:

Society: The Manchester Meteor Limited

Registration number: 8151

Date: **17 September 2021**

Partial amendment of rules of The Manchester Meteor Limited

Register number: 8151

Rule 69

Delete the short paragraph that makes up Rule 69 and replace with the following:

"The Society shall strive to maintain an equality of members elected to represent Production Members and Community Members. As soon as a mismatch occurs the society must act to minimise the amount of time a mismatch is present in the boards composition. A mismatch in board composition will not prevent the board from legally carrying out its duties."

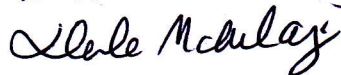**Name and signature of member 1**

NOORA MYKKANEN

Name and signature of member 2

NICHOLAS PRESCOTT

Name and signature of member 3

Dale McAulay

Name and signature of secretary

Conrad Bower

Partial Rule Amendment form

Society Name: The Manchester Meteor Limited

Society Num: 8151

Use this form to register a partial rule change for a society registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 ('2014 Act') except credit unions. Partial amendments change, add to, or delete some rules from the existing registered rules. If your rule amendment involves the renumbering of rules, please apply for a complete amendment instead.

To register a partial amendment of rules we need:
• this completed form
• one signed copy of the proposed rule amendment (or two copies where not submitting electronically). The amendment should be worded as a direction to members, telling them exactly what they should do to make the necessary changes to their own copy of the rule book. Please see page x for an example.
• a marked up version of the rules tracking changes made to the model when a set of model rules is used
• a completed Statutory Declaration form.

This form, including any details provided on the form, will be made available to the public through the Mutuals Public Register.

Societies may find it helpful to read Chapter 3 of our guidance on our registration function under the 2014 Act before completing this form

All societies are registered meeting one of two conditions for registration. These are that the society is either:

• a bona fide co-operative society ('co-operative society'); or
• are conducting business for the benefit of the community ('community benefit society').

Your society is registered meeting the condition for registration that it is conducting its business for the benefit of the community.
We must maintain arrangements that are designed to enable us to determine whether a society is complying with the 2014 Act. One way we do this is by requiring societies to complete the questions in the next section.
For further information on the condition for registration, please see chapter 5 of our guidance here.

Community benefit societies must answer the following questions in relation to the financial year covered by this return.

3B.1 What is the business of the society?

For example, do you provide social housing, run an amateur sports club etc.

> We provide online local news reports for the people of Manchester and Greater Manchester.
> We also provide training and informative events for members of our society and the wider
> public.

3B.2 Please describe the benefits to the community the society?

Here we are looking to see what the benefits to the community are. Community can be said
to be the community at large. For example, do you relieve poverty or homelessness through
providing social housing.

> We provide public interest news to the community at large. We hold the powerful to account
> and inform, educate and entertain those who engage with our articles.

3B.3 Please describe how the society's business delivered these benefits?

The business of the society must be conducted for the benefit of the community. Please
describe how the society's business (as described in answer to question 3B.1) provides
benefit to the community.

> Our news reports inform our members and the community at large of important events
> occuring in the region. The low wages paid to care workers, the loss of social housing in the
> region and controversial planning decisions by the city council are examples of the kind of
> stories we cover. We also provide training courses to our societies members and the
> community at large, recent training events covered 'News Reporting' and 'Interview Skills'.

3B.4 Did the society work with a specific community, and if so, please describe it here?

For instance, were the society's activities confined to a specific location; or to a specific group
of people? Please note that in serving the needs of any defined community, the society
should not inhibit the benefit to the community at large.

> Our media output, which focuses mainly on Manchester, and events are available to members
> of our society and to the community at large.

3B.5 What did the society do with any surplus or profit?

For instance, did you pay a dividend to members (and if so, on what basis); did money get reinvested in the business; put into reserves; used for some other purpose?

Any surpluses the society receives are used to further our work of producing journalism and hosting events.

3B.6 Please state any significant commercial arrangements that the society has, or had, with any other organisation that could create, or be perceived as creating, a conflict of interest.

Please tell us how you ensured that any such conflict of interest did not prevent the society from acting for the benefit of the community.

Some of our work is funded by supported content deals, similar to the Guardians model but on a more local/regional basis.

We have had supported content deals with the Jam and Justice project and the Greater Manchester Community Led Homes Hub. Any conflict of interest is avoided by The Meteor maintaining editorial control over the content of any articles produced under these supported content deals.

3B.7 Please state any close links which any of the directors has with any society, company or authority.

'Close links' includes any directorships or senior positions held by directors of the society in other organisations.

Director Allan Wort is a Trustee of the Grassroots to Greatness charity.

4.1 Please confirm the rules have been signed by 3 members and the secretary (4 signatures in total)

☒ The rules contain the required signatures

4.2 Please confirm either:

○ Model rules have not been used.
○ Model rules have been used without amendment

◉ An amended set of model rules have been used, and a marked up copy detailing the changes made to the model is included with the application.

5.1 Please confirm you have completed and are submitting a Statutory Declaration along with this application form.

☒ Completed Statutory Declaration enclosed

Example Partial Rule Amendment

Please click <u>here</u> for an example partial rule amendment

Statutory declaration

Use this form to provide a statutory declaration accompanying a rule change.

An officer of the society must complete this section:

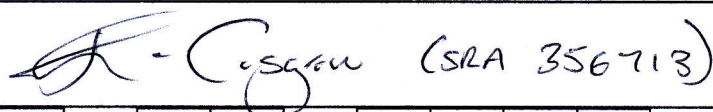| Name	Conrad Bower
Role	Secretary / Director

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the amendment of rules complies with the legislative requirements and has been duly made by the society in the manner provided in its rules for the making, altering or rescinding of rules.

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and by the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

Signature	*Bower*
Date	0 9 0 8 2 0 2 1

This was declared before me, a:

Solicitor ☑

Commissioner for oaths ☐

Notary Public ☐

Justice of the Peace ☐

Name	KATHLEEN COSGROVE
Declared at:	GREATER MANCHESTER LAW CENTRE. 669 STOCKPORT ROAD MANCHESTER . M12 4QE
Signature	K. Cosgrove (SRA 356713)
Date	0 9 0 8 2 0 2 1