

ANNEX A TO
CONSTITUTION OF THE ST GEORGE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE ST GEORGE COMMUNITY NETWORK

GENERAL

The St George Community Network (SGCN) is a sub-group of the St George Community Association:

- SGCN's aims are consistent with the charitable objects of the St George Community Association and SGCN will act in accordance with those charitable objects.
- The St George Community Association will, if necessary, provide banking facilities to the SGCN, at least in the short term.
- Although SGCN is a sub-group of the St George Community Association, it is not formally subordinate to the St George Community Association Committee – the relationship is one of partnership, with both groups working to further the interests of the people of St George.

The SGCN will comply with the policies of the St George Community Association in respect of equalities, safeguarding and any other matters relevant to its activities.

AIMS

The SGCN aims to:

- Facilitate and support a network for community groups working in the St George area – a 'community of community groups'. The purpose of this network is to enable community groups: to provide mutual support to each other; to learn from each other's experience; and to co-ordinate activities.
- 'Campaign' for the furtherance of local issues/interests. In this context, 'campaigning' could include, inter alia:
 - Lobbying local and national government officials and politicians.
 - Seeking funding for local projects, not covered by other community groups.

SCOPE

SGCN's 'area of interest' is the St George area of Bristol. It includes all residents, businesses, community groups, etc who consider themselves to be part of St George. SGCN's membership is drawn from:

- Representatives of all community groups operating in the St George area.
- Residents of St George.

- Representatives of businesses, religious institutions, etc who operate in St George and wish to contribute to the further development of the area.

SGCN will work collaboratively with other organisations across the city to address mutual concerns and will support projects and campaigns covering a wider area where they will help achieve SGCN aims.

The SGCN Secretary will keep a list of members.

GOVERNANCE

SGCN is an informal group and bureaucracy should be kept to a minimum. It will be governed by:

- The SGCN Working Group, which will run the day-to-day activities of SGCN. The Working Group will consist of up to 10 members, including a:
 - Chair
 - Vice-Chair
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Other members as required
- Sub-groups/task-groups, which will be established for particular projects, when required.
- SGCN meetings, which will enable networking and guide the work of the Working Group.
- Public meetings, at which SGCN members will promote particular issues and provide opportunities for consultation.

The frequency of meetings will be decided by the members of the respective groups.

SGCN members will elect the SGCN Chair & other Working Group members each year at the first SGCN meeting after 1st June. The Working Group will then agree the appointment of other officers. The Working Group may co-opt members to fill vacancies on the Working Group at any time.

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