



At the Council Chamber, Whitehall

THE 22nd DAY OF MARCH 2017

BY THE LORDS OF HER MAJESTY'S MOST HONOURABLE
PRIVY COUNCIL

The Privy Council has approved alterations to the Bye-laws of The Royal National Institute of Blind People as set out in the Schedule to this Order which shall come into effect on 1st April 2017.

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SCHEDULE

ALTERATIONS TO THE BYE-LAWS OF THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BLIND PEOPLE

1. In Bye-law 16(1):
 - (i) after "The Board of the Institute" *delete* ", when complete,";
 - (ii) after "shall consist of" *delete* "ten members or";
 - (iii) after "such" *delete* "other number" and *insert* "number of members";
 - (iv) after "as may be agreed by a majority decision of the Board" *insert* ", subject to there never being fewer than three members of the Board."

2. *Delete* Bye-laws 16(2) to 16(4).

3. *Insert* new Bye-laws 16(2) and 16(3):

"16. (2) The Board of the Institute shall consist of certain groups of individuals (hereinafter called 'Board Groups'), the description, size, number and composition of which shall be determined by the Board from time to time and set out in a table. Appointments or elections to the Board within Board Groups shall be in accordance with a procedure agreed by the Board.

16. (3) The Board shall agree procedures for the appointment and election of members of the Board Groups pursuant to Bye-Law 16(2). These procedures shall be set out in Written rules approved from time to time by the Board for the purposes of these Bye-Laws."

4. **Re-number** Bye-laws 16(5) and 16(6) as 16(4) and 16(5) respectively.
5. In Bye-law 17(1) after “Members of the Board, howsoever they are appointed, shall serve no more than three consecutive terms of three years on the Board. Trustees shall be appointed for a term of three years (or a shorter term of office that is specified at the time of their appointment).”, **delete** the remainder of the Bye-law.
6. **Delete** Bye-law 17(2).
7. In Bye-law 19(1):
 - (i) **delete** 19(1)(d) and 19(1)(e);
 - (ii) **re-number** 19(1)(f), 19(1)(g) and 19(1)(h) as 19(1)(d), 19(1)(e) and 19(1)(f) respectively.
8. In Bye-law 22, after “approved by two thirds of the members of the Board entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the Board” **delete** “, including at least one Action Trustee and one Independent Trustee,”.
9. In Bye-law 26, after “the names of any people proposed for appointment” **delete** “as Independent Trustees”.
10. In Bye-law 27:
 - (i) after “The quorum for a decision at a Board meeting is” **delete** “five” and **insert** “three or one-third of the total number of the”;
 - (ii) after “members of the board” **insert** “, whichever is the greater.”;
 - (iii) after “, whichever is the greater.”, as inserted, **delete** the remainder of the Bye-law.
11. After Bye-law 43, **delete** the heading “Appendix to the Bye-laws” and the table that follows.