

Merton Mencap (Charity No. 1113444)
Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting (AGM)
held on Tuesday 12th July 2022 at 11am
by Zoom conference call

Present:

Richard Drummond (Chair of Trustees)
Russell Benzies (Treasurer)
Eleanor Budd
Ian Newman
Julian Walton
Andrew Whittington (Chief Executive)
Members, supporters, staff & volunteers (attendance list attached)

The Chair of Trustees opened the meeting, welcomed the members, staff and volunteers of the Charity. After each had responded to questions, the Chief Executive thanked both guest speakers before introducing the Chair and other Trustees before handing over conduct of the formal business of the Meeting to the Chairman.

1. Minutes of the last AGM of 13rd July 2021

The minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting of Merton Mencap (as an incorporated charity) held on 13th July 2021 having been produced to the Meeting were taken as read. There were no matters arising and **it was resolved that these minutes be accepted as an accurate record.**

2. Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements - year ended 31 March 2022

The Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 were presented to the Meeting. The Chair noted that the Financial Statements, which had been approved by the Executive Committee on the 28 June 2021, had undergone financial examination by our reporting accountants in contrast to the audit which had occurred the previous year. He highlighted that the Annual Report contains a review of the Charity's activities during the year, drawing attention to the charity's new services including the Carers Caseworker, and increased online presence including Merton Mencap TV.

The resolution to adopt the Trustees' Annual Report & Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 **was proposed, seconded and unanimously passed.**

3. Appointment of Trustees, auditors and remuneration of auditors

The Chair explained that all 5 of the present Trustees of the Charity would resign in accordance with its constitution with effect from the end of the Meeting. Each of them had indicated their willingness to stand again and their nominations had been approved by the Executive Committee.

The resolutions to elect Ian Newman, Julian Walton, Russell Benzies as Treasurer, Eleanor Budd and the Chair of Trustees, Richard Drummond, were duly proposed and seconded and passed unanimously.

The resolution to appoint WSM Advisors Ltd as auditors/independent examiners was duly proposed, seconded and passed unanimously.

The resolution that the Executive Committee be authorised to determine the remuneration of the auditors/independent examiners was proposed and seconded and passed unanimously

6. Any Other Business

After inviting any questions, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance with separate thanks to the staff and volunteers, with particular mention of the Chief Executive, Andy Whittington, for their hard work and contribution throughout the year, with particular praise for how they had responded with such energy and positivity to the Covid 19 pandemic,

The Chair then declared the Meeting closed.

**Approved as an accurate record
by the Executive Committee on 13 September 2022**