

Foundation Model Constitution for Leasowe Community Centre Trust

**Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) – Foundation Model
Compliant with the Charities Act 2011**

1. Name

The name of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (“the CIO”) is **Leasowe Community Centre Trust. (LCCT)**

2. National Location of Principal Office

- The CIO’s principal office is in England. (CH46 1PF)

3. Objects

The objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit:

1.
 - a) To promote social inclusion and community cohesion for the public benefit by providing a community centre where individuals and groups, particularly those who are socially or economically disadvantaged, can meet, access services, and participate in activities that foster connection, understanding, and wellbeing.
2.
 - b) To provide or assist in the provision of facilities and activities for recreation and other leisure-time occupation in the interests of social welfare, with the object of improving the conditions of life for those who use the community centre.
3.
 - c) To advance education and training for the public benefit by providing access to workshops, classes, advice, and resources at the community centre, particularly for individuals who are unemployed, socially excluded, or otherwise in need of support to improve their life opportunities.

4. Powers

The CIO has power to do anything which is calculated to further its objects or is conducive or incidental to doing so. In particular, the CIO has power to:

- a) Raise funds and invite and receive contributions, provided that in raising funds the CIO does not undertake any substantial permanent trading activity and complies with any relevant statutory regulations.
- b) Buy, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any property and to maintain and equip it for use.
- c) Sell, lease or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the property belonging to the CIO.
- d) Employ and remunerate staff; engage and manage volunteers.
- e) Cooperate with other charities, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities and exchange information and advice with them.

5. Application of Income and Property

The income and property of the CIO must be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects.

6. Benefits and Payments to Charity Trustees and Connected Persons

No charity trustee may receive any payment of money or other material benefit (whether direct or indirect) from the CIO except in accordance with section 185 of the Charities Act 2011.

7. Conflicts of Interest and Conflicts of Loyalty

A charity trustee must:

- Declare the nature and extent of any interest, direct or indirect, which he or she has in a proposed transaction or arrangement with the CIO or in any transaction or arrangement entered into by the CIO which has not previously been declared.

- Absent himself or herself from any discussions of the charity trustees in which it is possible that a conflict of interest will arise.

8. Liability of Members

If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

9. Charity Trustees

The CIO must have at least three charity trustees. A trustee must be a natural person aged 16 years or older. Trustees are appointed for a term of up to three years and may be reappointed.

10. Trustee Recruitment and Training

The board must take steps to ensure that the charity trustees collectively have the skills, knowledge and experience needed to govern the CIO effectively. A recruitment and induction process will be established to support new trustees.

11. Decision-Making by Charity Trustees

Decisions are made by majority vote at properly convened meetings. The quorum is two trustees or one-third of the total number of trustees, whichever is greater.

12. Membership

The CIO has no members other than its charity trustees. The charity trustees are the members of the CIO for the purposes of the Charities Act 2011

13. Meetings of Charity Trustees

Trustees must meet at least four times each year. Meetings may be held in person or via suitable digital means.

14. Keeping Records

The charity trustees must comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 as to keeping records, including:

- Minutes of all meetings of the trustees
- Copies of all resolutions
- Accounting records and annual reports

15. Amendment of Constitution

This constitution can only be amended by a resolution passed by a 75% majority of the charity trustees. Amendments to clauses 3 (objects) and 5 (application of property) require Charity Commission consent.

16. Dissolution

If the CIO is dissolved, any remaining assets must be given to another charity with similar objects. This must be agreed by the trustees and comply with the Charities Act 2011.

Karl Greaney

Karl Greaney – Chair

1st January 2026

Jenni Jones

Jenni Jones – Trustee / Secretary

1st January 2026
