

Charity Reorganisation – Summary of Application

Type of Scheme

Paisley Meeting Room Trust (SC022445) has applied to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) for approval of a reorganisation scheme for a variation of the constitution of the charity (whether or not in relation to its purposes) under section 42(3)(a) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act).

The charity was established by Deed of Trust in 1967. Its purposes are:

‘The purpose of the said Trust is to provide a Meeting Room and other facilities in Paisley for the carrying on of meetings of religious character, according to the injunctions contained in the Holy Scriptures, by the said Company of Christians.’

Reasons for reorganisation/Background to Reorganisation

The charity was established to own a property in Paisley known as the Paisley Meeting Room. The property was to be used for the company of Christians associated for religious purposes and meeting there. A meeting room was built on the property and for some time a congregation met there. However, the congregation no longer exists and the property has been sold. The trustees wish to disperse the funds held to other religious charities and for other religious purposes in support of the Christian Religion and wind the charity up.

Reorganisation conditions

The trustees suggest that the following reorganisation conditions are met:

- that some or all of the purposes of the charity can no longer be given effect to (whether or not in accordance with the directions or spirit of its constitution)
- that it is desirable to introduce a provision (other than a provision setting out a new purpose) to a charity’s constitution

The trustees suggest the conditions are met because:

The charity was formed to own a building at which a congregation of Christians met. The congregation no longer exists in the Paisley area and the meeting requirement is now met elsewhere in Glasgow. The meeting place has been sold.

The trustees wish to change the charitable purposes of the charity to widen its objects;

The trustees also wish to amend the charity's constitution to allow it (a) to make changes to its constitution; and (b) to allow it to wind up.

Reorganisation outcomes

The trustees suggest that the following reorganisation outcome is met:

39(1)(b)(i) that the proposed reorganisation scheme will enable the resources of the charity to be applied to better effect for charitable purposes consistently with the spirit of its constitution, having regard to changes in social and economic conditions since it was constituted

The trustees suggest the outcome is met because:

The trusts' original purpose is no longer capable of being fulfilled

It would not be appropriate to use the proceeds of sale to buy another meeting place without there being a body of people to meet there. The money generated by the sale of the property would be appropriately applied for other Christian purposes.

The trustee wish to amend the purposes to the following:

The purpose of the said Trust is to advance the Christian Religion in the UK and elsewhere by (a) contributing to the funds of any charitable institutions, associations, funds and objects or (b) supporting other charitable activity in support of that purpose

The trustee also suggest that the outcome of the proposed reorganisation scheme will enable the charity to be administered more effectively. They consider this outcome is met because their intention is to wind up the trust after dispersing funds to other Christian charities. The addition of administrative provisions in relation to making amendments and winding up the charity will allow them to plan for the eventual wind up.

How to make a representation in relation to the proposed reorganisation scheme

Any person may make a representation to OSCR either supporting or opposing this proposed reorganisation scheme. Should you wish to make a representation, you may do so by writing to OSCR providing the following information:

- Your name and address
- The name of the charity concerned
- The nature of the representation and reasons for it

These are the terms of Regulation 5 of the Charities Reorganisation (Scotland) Regulations 2007).

Representations should be sent to OSCR by post or email

Postal: OSCR
2nd Floor Quadrant House
Riverside Drive
Dundee
DD1 4NY

Email: info@oscr.org.uk

Representations can be made up to 14 days following the end of the publication period. The latest date for the receipt of representations is **27 October 2026**

We cannot accept representations via social media channels.

Copies of any representations will be provided to the applicant charity for comment. If you do not wish the charity to be provided with your personal details, please indicate this in your representation.

Personal details will otherwise be disclosed to the applicant charity.

Please contact us by email or by telephone on 01382 220446 if you have any questions about the submission of a representation.

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