

More detail on proposed amendments to the Constitution.

1. England Athletics requires clubs to have an inclusion policy. When the Committee agreed the Club's Inclusion policy last November (it can be found on the website) the Committee felt the current wording of para 3a regarding membership did not need to be qualified. It is therefore proposed to delete the second sentence of 3a - ie "*However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis*", but to also add a statement regarding an individuals needs and the club's capacity to meet those.
2. The constitution requires that the AGM be held "*in the month of September (or within 1 month of the end of the club financial year)*". The latter is 31st August. This has often proved at tight timetable for the treasurer and auditor to meet and a problem if a meeting at the end of September is not quorate. It is proposed to amend para. 7a to state the AGM should be held by the end of October.
3. The Club is considering pursuing Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) status which will give us various financial benefits. Some tweaks to the Constitution are required to meet the eligibility criteria. These relate to disposal of assets on winding up and the "fitness" of the Committee to run the club. It is proposed to add a new section 5g and amend para 9d.

The Motion: That this meeting agrees:

- to amend para 3a of the constitution to read: "*Membership of the Club shall be open to persons everyone regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.*"
- to add a clause 3e which states "*Enjoyment of athletics in a safe environment is paramount for our club hence prospective members are welcome to discuss their needs and the capability of the club to accommodate their uniqueness*".
- to amend para. 7a of the constitution to read: "*by the end of of October (or within 2 months of the end of the club financial year)*"
- to add a new clause 5g which reads: "*Officers and Committee Members must be 'fit and proper persons' in line with the guidance issued by HMRC or any other relevant body*".
- to amend para 9d to read: "*Assets that relate to the Junior section of the club shall be distributed to support sport in local schools as determined by the Junior Committee*"