

Redbridge Equalities and Community Council

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registered Charity No: 1170313

**Annual Report
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The members of the unincorporated charity Redbridge Equalities and Community Council (Registered Charity number 1002357) agreed at its Annual General Meeting on 16 July 2016 to replace RECC's previous structure as an unincorporated charity and become a charitable incorporated organisation. In November 2016, this received the approval of the Charity Commission, and the CIO was registered as Registered Charity number 1170313. The Trustees of RECC serve as Trustees of both the old charity and the CIO.

On the recommendation of the Trustees, the following Resolution was agreed unanimously by the members present at the AGM of the old charity on 10 July 2017:

This Annual General Meeting of Redbridge Equalities and Community Council ("RECC"), mindful of the recommendation of the Charity Commission that charities like RECC should be Charitable Incorporated Organisations, of the practical and administrative advantages to a charity such as RECC of CIO status, and of the unanimous recommendation of the Trustees that it should do so, resolves:

1. That the unincorporated charity, Redbridge Equalities and Community Council (Registration number 1002357) ("the Old Charity") and the Charitable Incorporated Organisation of the same name (Registration number 1170313) ("the CIO") should merge as the CIO
2. That the members of the Old Charity should be transferred to the CIO
3. That the assets and contractual obligations of the Old Charity should be transferred to the CIO, and that the CIO should be empowered to settle any outstanding debts of the Old Charity thereafter,

with effect from, in each case, the earliest practical date after receipt of approval from the Charity Commission (or confirmation that that approval is not required) of both the merger and the transfer of assets.

Various issues then had to be sorted out before RECC could start to operate as a CIO, including:

- discussions with Council officers and other funders to ensure that they saw no impediment to continued partnership funding
- development of a set of Rules for the CIO covering administrative and other important matters not dealt with in its Constitution. These were agreed by the Trustees of the CIO in June 2017 and accepted by the membership at the 2017 AGM of both charities.
- consideration of the legal, practical and accounting issues involved in transferring the old charity's assets and financial and contractual

obligations to the CIO and, where necessary, seeking the Charity Commission's approval.

These issues were finally concluded early in 2018, and the Trustees then agreed that the start of the new financial year on 1 April 2018 was "the earliest practical date" referred to in the Resolution. RECC has operated as the CIO since that date, but in the year to 31 March 2018 the CIO remained inactive with no funds or staff. The attached accounts are, accordingly, blank, and our Independent Examiner advises that they therefore do not require an accountant's report.

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