## SOCIETY OF MODEL AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERS LTD

(T/A British Model Flying Association)

## TO ALL AREA COUNCIL MEMBERS

There will be an Area Council Meeting on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022** at **7.30pm** virtual meeting via Zoom

Instructions for logging-in to the meeting via Zoom will be uploaded to the Areas Council Forum.

## AGENDA

- 1 Minutes of previous Areas Council Meeting.
- 2 Matters arising from previous Meeting.
- To receive a Proposal from 'Mag 7 group' An updated Area Committee Constitution. (Associated document appended).
- To receive a Proposal from 'Mag 7 group' how Areas Council appoints 4 of its Area Delegate members to serve as Non-Executive Directors on the Council of Management. (Associated document appended).
- 5 BMFA Centenary and Area Events.
- 6 Budget Proforma's moving forward.

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## PROPOSAL FORM

Please use **BLOCK LETTERS** for handwritten proposals.

Indicate the appropriate Council Agenda: **FULL / AREAS / TECHNICAL** (delete those which are inapplicable).

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#### PROPOSAL:

That the revised and updated Area Committee Constitution be adopted by Areas Council for use by Area Committees with effect from their 2022 AGM.

#### **REASON:**

At the March 2021 meeting of Areas Council a sub group known as the Mag 7 were commissioned to review the feedback collected through the members survey relating to the perception and effectiveness of Area Committees. The group's task was to review the need for, and role of Areas, and if there was an identified need then how they may be re-invigorated to best serve clubs and members.

The Group has previously presented to Areas Council the purpose of Areas as being:

- 1. To support affiliated clubs and members in the Area
- 2. To promote safe, lawful model aircraft and drone flying
- 3. To promote the BMFA

The Constitution being put forward for approval is the next step in giving a clear framework for the conduct of Area Committees with the specific intention of simplifying the document to remove non essential administrative process and enable effective meetings that reduce inhibitors to club participation.

The revised Constitution is attached together with a second document entitled A Guide to the BMFA Areas Objectives and Constitution and Advice to Area Committees. The Guide is an updated version of the previous document and is currently subject to further work and is put forward for information

## **ELECTED OFFICERS/COUNCIL MEMBER**

Proposed by: Hon Secretary Post: Signature of Officer/Council Member:

Date: (Only sign if not submitted electronically)

TECHNICAL COMMITTEES OR THE ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME REVIEW COMMITTEE (ASRC)

Proposed by: Technical Committee / ASRC (delete as appropriate)

Date of Meeting: Voting Results: For: Against: Abstentions:

Date: Signature of Committee Secretary / ASRC Council Member:

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**AREA COMMITTEES** 

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# AREA CONSTITUTION – (MK REWRITE – v0.12) GUIDE TO AREA CONSTITUTION ISSUE 5 DRAFT 26

PLEASE REFER TO SEPARATE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED WITH CIRCULATION OF AREAS COUNCIL AGENDA.

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#### PROPOSAL:

That the Areas Council appoints 4 of its Area Delegate members to serve as Non-Executive Directors on the Council of Management. In the first year of the new governance structure 2 appointees will serve for 2 years and 2 for 1 year. Thereafter annually, 2 of the 4 Non-Executive Director posts will fall vacant thereby establishing each appointee serving 2 years terms.

The maximum continuous number of 2 year terms of office is 5 (10years) in line with other elected Director and Non-Executive Director posts.

#### **REASON:**

This proposal arises out of the Strategic Review of the BMFA and the Executives' proposed restructuring of the current Council which would reduce the number of Area Delegates also being Non-Executive Directors from 14 to a smaller number. The structure diagram (Composition of the Council of Management) provisionally indicates 3 Non-Executive Directors (Area) however the Executive has indicated that this number may be revised by Areas Council.

The Mag 7 group has considered the number of Non-Executive Directors and recommends 4 for each for 2 year terms on the basis that this allows continuity and a balanced rotation.

The Mag 7 Group has also considered other methods for appointing Non-Executive including through creating a smaller number of regions, or geographical electoral colleges for election purposes. However, the group believes that whilst the future number of Areas is still under consideration the proposed methodology is the most efficient.

Areas Council is reminded that it has the power to revise this procedure at a future date.

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