

## The Companies Acts 1985 to 1989

### Company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital

#### Memorandum of Association

of

#### South East Fire and Rescue Control Centre Limited

- 1 The name of the Company is South East Fire and Rescue Control Centre Limited and in this document it is called the **Company**.
- 2 The registered office of the Company will be situated in England.
- 3 The objects for which the Company is established are:
  - (a) To operate a regional control centre covering the fire and rescue authority areas of Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Surrey, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, West Sussex, East Sussex and Kent as part of the English network of regional control centres, which, for the avoidance of doubt may extend to mobilisation of fire and rescue resources from or to anywhere within Great Britain (including any resources that can be used for the purpose of responding to incidents regardless of who the owner is) and to operate as a National Co-ordination centre . In particular, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing and subject to any statutory guidance in issue from time to time, the Company is established to:
    - (i) enter into arrangements from time to time with any one or more fire and rescue authorities (**FRA**), within the meaning of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 (**FRSA**), in England and any other organisation within the British Islands certified by the Secretary of State;
    - (ii) have regard to the policy of the Chief Fire Officers' Association in relation to the operation of regional control centres; and
    - (iii) have regard to the policy of the Secretary of State in relation to the operation of regional control centres, in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, to the National Framework prepared by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 21 of the FRSA;

in the event of conflict between the policies referred to in paragraphs 3(a)(ii) and 3(a)(iii) above, the Company shall have regard to both policies and adopt the policy most relevant in the circumstance, subject at all times to any statutory guidance from time to time in issue.
  - (b) In furtherance of the foregoing objects but not further or otherwise the Company shall have the following powers:

- (i) To supply services of all kinds and to carry on any activity, including the employment of staff, normally undertaken by an organisation with these or similar objects.
- (ii) To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real or personal property and any rights or privileges which the Company may think necessary or convenient for the furtherance of its objects, and to construct, maintain and alter any buildings or erections necessary or convenient for the work of the Company.
- (iii) To sell, let, sub-let, lease, dispose of or turn to account all or any of the property or assets of the Company as may be thought expedient and to accept surrenders of leases and tenancies and to make allowances to and arrangements with tenants, as may be deemed expedient in the interests of the Company.
- (iv) Subject to such consents as may be required by law, to borrow or raise money for the purposes of the Company on such terms and on such security as may be thought fit.
- (v) To invest the moneys of the Company not immediately required for its purposes in or upon such investments, securities and property as may be thought fit, subject nevertheless to such conditions (if any) and such consents (if any) as may for the time being be imposed or required by law and subject also as hereinafter provided.
- (vi) To take any gift of property, whether subject to any special trust or not, for any of the objects of the Company.
- (vii) To create subsidiary companies, enter into joint venture agreements and establish any body necessary or incidental to the carrying out of the objects of the Company.
- (viii) To affiliate or co-operate with any other organised body in the United Kingdom, Europe, or elsewhere, having objects similar to those of the Company, with a view to furthering the objects of the Company, and to amalgamate with any company having objects similar to those of the Company.
- (ix) To make such rules and regulations for the management and administration of the Company and for matters connected therewith as the Company in its discretion think fit and from time to time to so add amend vary revoke or replace any such rules and regulations but so that nothing in this sub-clause shall be deemed to authorise any application of any part of the investments and property held by or on behalf of the Company or the income thereof otherwise than in conformity with this Memorandum of Association.
- (x) To purchase and maintain insurance for or for the benefit of any persons who are or were at any time Directors, officers or auditors of the Company, including (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) insurance against any liability incurred by such persons in respect of any act or omission in the actual or purported execution and/or discharge of their duties and/or in the exercise or purported exercise of their powers and/or otherwise in relation to their duties, powers or offices in relation to the Company and to such extent as may be permitted by law otherwise to indemnify or to exempt any such person against or from such liability.

- (xi) To appoint and constitute such committees, boards or bodies (whether advisory or not) as the Company may consider desirable for the better management and administration of the Company and to make amend vary revoke and replace rules and regulations for the purpose of defining their functions powers and organisation and also (if the Company shall think fit) to pay an honorarium or fee or salary to and defray expenses incurred by any member of such committee board or body appointed as aforesaid.
- (xii) To apply for and take out, purchase or otherwise acquire, any patents, patent rights, brevets d'invention, inventions, licences, conversions, trade marks, or secret processes, which may further the objects of the Company, and to grant licences to use the same.
- (xiii) To establish or promote any company for the purpose of acquiring all or any of the property, rights or liabilities of the Company, or for any other purpose which may seem calculated to benefit the Company.
- (xiv) To pay all or any expenses incurred in connection with the promotion and incorporation of the Company, and to remunerate any person, firms or company rendering services to the Company, either by cash payment or otherwise.
- (xv) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them or as shall seem to be in the best interests of the Company, its members, its subscribers or other users of the Company's services.

PROVIDED THAT:

- (a) In case the Company shall take or hold any property which may be subject to any trust, the Company shall only deal with or invest the same in such manner as allowed by law, having regard to such trust.
- (b) The income and property of the Company wheresoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Company and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend or bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the members of the Company PROVIDED THAT nothing herein shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Company of:
  - (i) Interest on money lent to the Company by any member of the Company at a rate per annum not exceeding a reasonable and proper commercial rate;
  - (ii) Reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let to the Company by any member of the Company;
  - (iii) Reasonable and proper remuneration to any member, officer or servant of the Company in return for any services actually rendered to the Company;
  - (iv) Any exhibition scholarship, fellowship, or other reward or prize established or paid out of the funds of the Company to any person bona fide holding the same;
  - (v) Fees, remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth to a company of which a member of the Company may be a member, and such member shall not be bound to account for any share of profits it may receive in respect of any such payment.

4 The liability of the members is limited.

- 5 Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company, in the event of the same being wound up while it is a member, or within one year after it ceases to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before it ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding one pound.
- 6 If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Company there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall be paid to or distributed among the then current members of the Company on a pro rata basis by reference to the amount of expenditure incurred by such member.

WE the several persons whose names and addresses are subscribed, are desirous of being formed into a Company, in pursuance of this Memorandum of Association.

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**Names, addresses and descriptions of subscribers**

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<b>Names</b>	<b>Addresses</b>	<b>Authorised Signatory</b>
Buckinghamshire		Witnessed by:
Oxfordshire		Witnessed by:
Berkshire		Witnessed by:
Hampshire		Witnessed by:

Isle of Wight

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Kent

Dated the \*\*                      day of \*\*                      \*\*