

Standing Orders: Temporary Addendum

Covid-19 Temporary Provisions

In response to the Covid-19 epidemic the Board has resolved that the Association's Standing Orders be amended to include the following provisions which are intended to apply during the period of the epidemic.

1. Rule 51 of the Rules of the Association provides that meetings of the Board can take place in any manner which permits those attending to hear and comment on the proceedings. In furtherance of this rule it is anticipated that during the period of the epidemic meetings are likely to be held in such manner (perhaps by conference call or video conferencing or combination of both). The Board should take appropriate steps to facilitate participation in meetings in this way. Board Members attending in this way shall count towards the quorum for such meetings (except for co-optees). The minutes of the meeting should record the means by which Board Members are participating if not present in person.
2. The Board is required in terms of the Rule 48 to meet at least six times each year. Meetings held where Board Members attend using appropriate technologies instead of attending in person shall constitute a meeting of the Board for the purposes of Rule 48.
3. Where the Board believes that a Board Member is required to self-isolate, shielding or suffering from Covid-19, it will grant leave of absence in accordance with Rule 44.3.
4. Where required the Chairperson or Chief Executive Officer shall determine that the business of the Board shall be undertaken by written resolution in accordance with Rule 55.
5. It is recognised that during the period of the epidemic it is likely to be necessary that emergency business be undertaken by urgent decisions made in accordance with the urgent/emergency decisions provisions set out in the Standing Orders.
6. These provisions shall apply (in so far as relevant) also to the conduct of the business of the Board.

It is recommended that this amendment remain live for the period of the COVID – 19 crisis and reviewed at three monthly intervals or until lockdown/social distancing measures have been eased.

Approved by the Board of RSHA 21.05.20

