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PART A NAME AND OBJECTS

Name

- A1. The name of the Society shall be South Yorkshire Housing Association Limited (the **Association**)

Objects

- A2. The Association is formed for the benefit of the community. Its charitable objects shall be to carry on for the benefit of the community:
- A2.1. the business of providing and managing housing, including Social Housing, and providing assistance to help house people and associated facilities, amenities and services for poor people or for the relief of aged, disabled, (whether physically or mentally) or chronically sick people; and
 - A2.2. any other charitable object that can be carried out from time to time by a registered society registered as a provider of Social Housing with the Regulator.

Non-profit

- A3. The Association shall not trade for profit and any profits shall only be applied for the purpose of furthering the Association's objects and/ or in accordance with these Rules.
- A4. Nothing shall be paid or transferred by way of profit to Shareholders of the Association.

Corporate Status

- A5. The Association is a subsidiary of the Parent and shall not become a subsidiary of another organisation without first amending these Rules to state the name of the parent entity.

PART B POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, BOARD, AND SHAREHOLDERS

Powers

- B1. The Association shall have the power to do anything that a natural or corporate person can lawfully do which is necessary or expedient to achieve its objects, except as expressly prohibited in these Rules.
- B2. Without limiting its general powers under rule B1, and only so far as is necessary or expedient to achieve its objects, the Association shall have power to:
- B2.1. purchase, acquire or dispose of, or take or grant any interest in property, or take or grant any security interest over land or any of the Association's assets, including any mortgage, charge, floating charge or other security whatsoever;
 - B2.2. construct or carry out works to land and buildings;
 - B2.3. help any charity or other body not trading for profit in relation to housing and related services;
 - B2.4. subject to rules F12, F13 and F14, borrow money or issue bonds, notes, loan stock or any other debt instrument or enter into any transaction having the effect of borrowing on such terms as the Association sees fit;

- B2.5. enter into and perform any Derivative Transaction on such terms and on such security as the Association thinks fit for the purpose of hedging or otherwise managing any treasury risk or other financial exposure of the Association;
 - B2.6. subject to rule F15, invest the funds of the Association and/or monies borrowed by the Association;
 - B2.7. lend money (including monies borrowed) or make grants or donations on such terms as the Association shall think fit;
 - B2.8. guarantee, enter into any contract of indemnity or suretyship in relation to, or provide security for, the borrowing or performance of the obligations of any other organisation, in each case on such terms as the Association shall think fit;
 - B2.9. pay insurance premiums in respect of insurance taken out to insure Officers and Employees against the cost of a successful defence to a criminal prosecution brought against them as Officers or against personal liability incurred in respect of any act or omission which is or is alleged to be a breach of trust or a breach of duty in relation to any Group Member or as a trustee of any pension fund of any Group Member; and
 - B2.10. support, administer or acquire other corporate bodies.
- B3. The Association shall not have power to receive money on deposit in any way which would require authorisation under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 or any other authority required by statute unless it has such authorisation.

Powers of the Board

- B4. The business of the Association shall be directed by the Board.
- B5. Apart from those powers which must be exercised in General Meeting:
- B5.1. by statute; or
 - B5.2. under these Rules;
- all the powers of the Association may be exercised by the Board for and in the name of the Association.
- B6. The Board shall have power to delegate, in writing, subject to rules D36 - D40, the exercise of any of its powers to any Officer(s) of the Association, to a committee or committees or to any employee(s) of the Association and any Group Member on such terms as the Board shall determine. Such delegation may include any of the powers and discretions of the Board.

Limited powers of Shareholders in General Meetings

- B7. The Association in General Meetings can only exercise the powers of the Association expressly reserved to it by these Rules or by statute.

General

- B8. The certificate of an Officer of the Association that a power has been properly exercised shall be conclusive as between the Association and any third party acting in good faith.

- B9. A person acting in good faith who does not have actual notice of these Rules or the Association's regulations shall not be concerned to see or enquire if the Board's powers are restricted by these Rules or such regulations.

PART C SHAREHOLDERS AND GENERAL MEETINGS

Obligations of Shareholders

- C1. All Shareholders agree to be bound by the obligations on them as set out in these Rules. When acting as Shareholders they shall act, at all times in the interests of the Association and for the benefit of the community, as guardians of the objects of the Association.

Nature of Shares

- C2. The Association's share capital shall be raised by the issue of shares. Each share has the nominal value of one pound which shall carry no right to interest, dividend or bonus.
- C3. Shares shall be non-withdrawable and shall be non-transferable except in accordance with rule C40.
- C4. When a Shareholder ceases to be a Shareholder or is expelled from the Association, his or her share shall be cancelled. The amount paid up on that share shall become the property of the Association.

Nature of Shareholders

- C5. A Shareholder of the Association is a person or body whose name and address is entered in the Register of Shareholders. Subject to rule C6, the Parent and the Board Members from time to time (save for any Board Member who is an Employee) shall be the only Shareholders. Board Members shall become Shareholders on appointment as Board Members and shall cease to be Shareholders when they cease to be Board Members.
- C6. The following cannot be or become Shareholders:
- C6.1. a minor;
 - C6.2. an Employee;
 - C6.3. other than the Parent, a person who is not a Board Member.
- C7. Other than the Parent who shall be a Shareholder, no corporate body can be a Shareholder. The Parent can appoint an individual to exercise its rights at General Meetings. Any such appointment shall be in writing and given to the Secretary.
- C8. A Shareholder cannot be the nominee of an unincorporated body.
- C9. No Shareholder shall hold more than one share and each share shall carry only one vote. A share cannot be held jointly.

Admission of Shareholders

- C10. The Board shall establish a policy for admitting new Shareholders (which must first be approved by the Parent). The Board shall only admit new Shareholders in accordance with such policies and only with the consent of the Parent. No Resident shall be admitted as a Shareholder if it would mean that more than one third of the Shareholders will at that time be Residents.

- C11. Save for Employees and co-optees, Board Members shall become Shareholders on appointment as Board Members and shall pay the sum of one pound to the Association, if demanded by the Association.
- C12. The name of the Board Member and the other necessary particulars shall be entered in the register of Shareholders. One share in the Association shall be issued to the Board Member.

Ending of Shareholding

- C13. A Shareholder shall immediately cease to be a Shareholder if:
- C13.1. they die; or
 - C13.2. (except for the Parent) they are expelled under rule C14; or
 - C13.3. they withdraw from the Association by giving notice to the Secretary, which shall be effective on receipt, unless they are one of the last three remaining Shareholders, in which case they must provide at least one month's written notice of the withdrawal to the Secretary; or
 - C13.4. (except for the Parent) they do not participate in, nor deliver written apologies in advance to, a General Meeting of the Association in the period starting with one annual General Meeting up to and including the next annual General meeting and they fail to respond stating that they wish to remain a Shareholder to a notice within three months of the date of despatch of that notice which will be sent to them at their last known address; or
 - C13.5. in the case of a body corporate it ceases to be a body corporate; or
 - C13.6. they cease to be eligible to be a Shareholder under rule C6; or
 - C13.7. they cease to be a Board Member; or
 - C13.8. they are declared bankrupt or make any arrangement or composition with their creditors; or
 - C13.9. the Association serves notice on the Shareholder in accordance with Rule G15.16 asking them to indicate within a period (being not less than 3 months) whether they wish to remain a Shareholder and they fail to reply within such period and the Association then serves a further such notice and the Shareholder similarly fails to reply; or
 - C13.10. they are a Resident and in the opinion of the Board are in material or serious breach of their tenancy agreement or lease or are subject to a possession order or are in breach of a suspended possession order, or are subject to any of the following types of court order: anti-social behaviour order, anti-social behaviour injunction, demoted tenancy, or closure order; or
 - C13.11. they are a Resident and the Association has obtained an order of a competent court or tribunal against them for recovery of monies due from them to the Association provided that if the order is suspended or is an order for payment in instalments they shall only cease to be a Shareholder upon failing to meet the terms of the order; or
 - C13.12. they are removed as a Shareholder by the Parent by notice in writing to the Secretary.

- C14. Except for the Parent, a Shareholder may only be expelled by a Special Resolution at a special General Meeting called by the Board (with prior approval of the Parent) provided that the following rules apply to the process:
- C14.1. The Board must give the Shareholder at least one month's notice in writing of the General Meeting. The notice to the Shareholder must set out the reasons for the proposed expulsion and must request the Shareholder to attend the meeting to respond to the reasons set out in the notice.
- C14.2. At the General Meeting called for this purpose the Shareholders shall consider the evidence presented by the Board and by the Shareholder (if any). The meeting may take place even if the Shareholder does not attend.
- C14.3. If the resolution to expel the Shareholder is passed in accordance with this rule, the Shareholder shall immediately cease to be a Shareholder.

Annual General Meeting

- C15. The Association shall hold a General Meeting called the annual General Meeting within six calendar months after the close of each of its financial years or such later date as may be permitted by law.
- C16. The functions of the annual General Meeting shall be:
- C16.1. to receive the annual report which shall contain:
- the revenue accounts and balance sheets for the last accounting period;
 - the auditor's report (if one is required by law) on those accounts and balance sheets;
 - the Board's report on the affairs of the Association;
- C16.2. subject to rules F3 and F4, to appoint the auditor (if one is required by law);
- C16.3. to transact any other general business of the Association set out in the notice convening the meeting including any business that requires a Special Resolution.

Special General Meetings

- C17. All General Meetings other than annual General Meetings shall be special General Meetings and shall be convened either:
- C17.1. upon an order of the Board; or
- C17.2. upon the written requisition of the Parent; or
- C17.3. upon a written requisition signed by three Shareholders stating the business for which the meeting is to be convened; or
- C17.4. if within twenty-eight days after delivery of a requisition to the Secretary a meeting required under rule C17 is not convened, the Shareholders who have signed the requisition may convene a meeting.
- C18. A special General Meeting shall not transact any business that is not set out in the notice convening the meeting.

Calling a General Meeting

- C19. Subject to rule C23, all General Meetings shall be convened by at least fourteen Clear Days' written notice posted or delivered by hand or sent by Electronic Communication to every Shareholder at the address or Electronic Communication address given in the share register. The notice shall state whether the meeting is an annual General Meeting or special General Meeting, the time, date and place of the meeting, details of any means of participation, attendance or communication by Electronic Facility or Facilities and the business for which it is convened.
- C20. The Board may make whatever arrangements it considers appropriate to facilitate the attendance and participation of Shareholders at General Meetings, including by means of Electronic Facility or Facilities.
- C21. The Board shall determine, in relation to each General Meeting, the means of attendance at, and participation in, the meeting, including whether the persons entitled to attend and participate in the meeting shall be enabled to do so by means of Electronic Facility or Facilities.
- C22. Any accidental failure to get any notice to any Shareholder (including any accidental failure to send it) shall not invalidate the proceedings at that General Meeting. A notice or communication delivered by hand or sent by post to a Shareholder at their address or Electronic Communication address shown in the register of Shareholders shall be deemed to have arrived as specified in rule G15.16.
- C23. Seventy-five per cent of Shareholders may agree, by consenting in writing or by confirming through Electronic Communication, to a General Meeting being held with less notice than required by rule C19.

Proceedings at General Meetings

- C24. Before any General Meeting can start its business there must be a quorum present. A quorum is present if:
- C24.1. at least two Shareholders are present in person (including by a corporate representative) or by proxy; and
 - C24.2. unless the Parent agrees otherwise, the Parent is present in person by an authorised representative or by proxy, in which event the Parent shall count towards the quorum requirement in this rule C24.
- C25. General Meetings can take place in any manner and through any medium which permits those attending to hear and comment on the proceedings. Any person who attends in this manner will be deemed to be present in person at the meeting whether or not all are assembled in one place.
- C26. A meeting held as a result of a Shareholder requisition (which for the avoidance of doubt shall not include a General Meeting requisitioned by the Parent in accordance with rule C17) will be dissolved if too few Shareholders are present half an hour after the meeting is scheduled to begin.
- C27. All other General Meetings (including a General Meeting requisitioned by the Parent in accordance with rule C17) with too few Shareholders will be adjourned to the same day, at the same time in the following week. If the Shareholders present half an hour after the time the adjourned meeting should have started are less than as stated in rule C24, those Shareholders present (as long as this includes a duly authorised

representative of the Parent or the Parent agrees otherwise) shall carry out the business of the meeting.

C28. The Chair of any General Meeting can:

C28.1. take the business of the meeting in any order that the Chair may decide; and

C28.2. adjourn the meeting if the majority of the Shareholders present in person or by proxy agree. An adjourned meeting can only deal with matters adjourned from the original meeting. An adjourned meeting is a continuation of the original meeting. The date of all resolutions passed is the date they were passed (as opposed to the date of the original meeting). There is no need to give notice of an adjournment or to give notice of the business to be transacted.

C29. At all General Meetings of the Association the Chair of the Board shall preside. If there is no such Chair or if the Chair is not present or is unwilling or unable to act, the vice Chair (if any) shall chair the meeting, failing which the Shareholders present shall elect a Shareholder to chair the meeting. The person elected shall be a Board Member if one is present and willing to act.

Proxies

C30. Any Shareholder entitled to attend and vote at a General Meeting may appoint another person, whether or not a Shareholder, as their proxy to attend and vote on their behalf. A proxy can be appointed by delivering a written appointment, which may be by way of Electronic Communication, to the registered office, or such other place as may be selected by the Board and stated in the meeting notice, at least 48 hours before the date of the meeting at which the proxy is authorised to vote. It must be signed or confirmed by Electronic Communication by the Shareholder or a duly authorised attorney. Any proxy form delivered late shall be invalid. Any question as to the validity of a proxy shall be determined by the chair of the meeting whose decision shall be final.

Voting

C31. Subject to the provisions of these Rules or of any statute, a resolution put to the vote at a General Meeting shall, except where a ballot is demanded or directed, or is required by these Rules, be decided upon a show of hands, including electronic indication where appropriate.

C32. On a show of hands, including electronic indication where appropriate, every Shareholder present in person and on a ballot every Shareholder present in person or by proxy shall have one vote. In the case of an equality of votes the chair of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

C33. Unless a ballot is demanded (either before or immediately after the vote), a declaration by the chair of the meeting that a resolution on a show of hands, including electronic indication where appropriate, has been carried or lost, unanimously or by a particular majority, is conclusive. An entry made to that effect in the book containing the minutes of the proceedings of the Association shall be conclusive evidence of that fact.

C34. Any question as to the acceptability of any vote whether tendered personally or by proxy, shall be determined by the chair of the meeting, whose decision shall be final.

C35. A ballot on a resolution may be demanded by:

C35.1. the Parent;

C35.2. the Chair; or

C35.3. any three Shareholders at a meeting (in person or by proxy)

before a resolution is approved or directed by the chair of the meeting (and such demand or direction may be withdrawn). A ballot may be demanded or directed after a vote on the show of hands, including electronic indication where appropriate, and in that case the resolution shall be decided by the ballot.

- C36. A ballot shall be taken at the meeting at such time and in such manner as the chair of the meeting shall direct. The result of such a ballot shall be deemed to be the resolution of the Association in General Meeting.

Written Resolutions

- C37. Subject to the Act a resolution in writing signed or confirmed by letter or by Electronic Communication by or on behalf of the requisite majority of the Shareholders, for the time being, entitled to vote on the relevant resolution shall, provided that it has been approved by the Parent, be as valid and effective as a resolution passed at a properly called and constituted meeting of Shareholders provided that a copy of the proposed resolution has been delivered in accordance with these Rules to all Shareholders and the requisite majority of Shareholders referred to in rule C38 has delivered their agreement in accordance with these Rules. Such resolution when signed or approved may comprise more than one document in the same form, each signed or approved, by one or more Shareholders.

- C38. For the purposes of rule C37 the requisite majorities are:

- in the case of an ordinary resolution, a simple majority of Shareholders who would have been entitled to vote had the resolution been proposed at a properly called and constituted General Meeting;
- in the case of a resolution requiring a two-thirds majority of Shareholders, at least two-thirds of the Shareholders who would have been entitled to vote had the resolution been proposed at a properly called and constituted General Meeting; or
- in the case of a resolution requiring a three-quarters majority of Shareholders, at least three-quarters of the Shareholders who would have been entitled to vote had the resolution been proposed at a properly called and constituted General Meeting.

Representatives and nominees

- C39. Under the provisions of these Rules (including rules A2, A4, C2 and C4) no Shareholder is entitled to property of the Association in that capacity, and in the event of the death a person shall cease to be a Shareholder, their share shall be cancelled and the amount paid up on that share shall become the property of the Association. The following make provisions for representatives and nominees taking into account the provisions of these Rules:

- C39.1. The Act provides that a Shareholder may nominate a person or persons to whom property in the Association at the time of his/ her death shall be transferred. As any such share will have been cancelled, no person so

nominated under the Act shall be entitled to any property of that Shareholder on their death;

C39.2. No property shall be capable of transfer to any personal representative of a deceased Shareholder.

C40. Upon a claim being made by a trustee in bankruptcy of a bankrupt Shareholder to the share held by that Shareholder, the Association shall transfer such share to which the trustee in bankruptcy is entitled and as the trustee in bankruptcy may direct them.

PART D THE BOARD

Functions

D1. The Association shall have a Board who shall direct the affairs of the Association in accordance with its objects and these Rules and ensure that its functions are properly performed. These functions will be agreed by the Board (as directed by the Parent) and set out separately in a code of governance or otherwise in writing.

Composition of the Board

D2. The Board shall consist of between five and twelve Board Members (including co-optees) as may be determined by the Board. No more than one third of the Board may be Residents. No more than one third of the Board may be employees of the Association or of any other Group Member. The Parent shall nominate up to two Board Members to the Association's Board at any one time.

D3. Except for co-optees and Employees only Shareholders can be Board Members.

D4. No Employee may be appointed or co-opted to the Board if, following their appointment or co-option, Employees would be in a majority of the Board Members and co-optees.

D5.

D5.1. The Board shall make available the obligations (including the expected standards of conduct) of every Board Member (including co-optees) to the Board and to the Association. The Board, shall set, review and may amend the obligations of Board Members from time to time.

D5.2. Any Board Member or co-optee who has not signed a statement confirming that they will meet their obligations (including the expected standards of conduct) to the Board of the Association without good cause within one month of election or appointment to the Board or, if later, within one month of adoption of these Rules, shall immediately cease to be a Board Member or co-optee unless the Board resolves to disapply this rule in respect of any Board Member or co-optee.

D6. Notwithstanding any other provision in these Rules, the Parent shall have the power to appoint, remove and replace from time to time any and all Board Members.

D7. Subject to the limits set out in rule D2 and D4 the Board (with the written consent of the Parent) may appoint co-optees to serve on the Board on such terms as the Board resolves and (with the written consent of the Parent) may remove such co-optees. Not more than five co-optees can be appointed to the Board or to any committee at any one time. A co-optee may act in all respects as a Board Member, but they cannot take part in the deliberations nor vote on the election of Officers nor any matter directly affecting Shareholders.

- D8. For the purposes of these Rules and of the Act, a co-optee is not included in the expression "Board Member" or "Member of the Board". For the purposes of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008, Board Members and co-optees are officers.
- D9. No one can become or remain a Board Member, a committee member or co-optee at any time if:
- D9.1. they are disqualified from acting as a director of a company, as a Board Member of another registered society or as a charity trustee for any reason; or
 - D9.2. they have been convicted of an indictable offence which is not, or cannot be, spent; or
 - D9.3. they have been convicted of any other offence at any time which in the opinion of the Board:
 - brings or would bring the Association or any other Group Member into disrepute; or
 - is incompatible with the role of Board Member, committee member or co-optee,and the Board resolves that they should be removed, not appointed, not re-appointed or not co-opted; or
 - D9.4. they are declared bankrupt or a composition is made with that person's creditors generally in satisfaction of that person's debts; or
 - D9.5. they are not a Shareholder (unless they are a co-optee or Employee); or
 - D9.6. except for a Board Member appointed by the Parent, they have absented themselves from three consecutive meetings of the Board or committee (as the case may be) in one rolling twelve-month period without special leave of absence from the Board; or
 - D9.7. a registered medical practitioner who is treating that person gives a written opinion to the Association stating that that person has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a Board Member, co-optee or committee member and may remain so for more than three months; or
 - D9.8. they are a Resident and in the opinion of the Board are in material or serious breach of their tenancy agreement or lease or are subject to a possession order or are in breach of a suspended possession order, or are subject to any of the following types of court order: anti-social behaviour order, anti-social behaviour injunction, demoted tenancy, or closure order; or
 - D9.9. they are an Employee and their contract of employment is terminated; or
 - D9.10. they are a Resident and the Association has obtained an order of a competent court or tribunal against them for recovery of monies due from them to the Association provided that if the order is suspended or is an order for payment in instalments they shall only cease to be a Board Member, co-optee or committee member upon failing to meet the terms of the order; or
 - D9.11. they are specifically elected or appointed as a Resident Board Member and cease to be a Resident;
 - D9.12. they resign from office by giving notice to the Association; or

- D9.13. any service agreement they have with the Association is terminated;
- D9.14. they are removed as a Board Member by the Parent by notice in writing to the Secretary
- and any Board Member, co-optee or committee member who at any time ceases to qualify under this rule shall immediately cease to be a Board Member, co-optee or committee member (as appropriate).
- D10. Except for a Board Member who has been appointed by the Parent, a Board Member may be removed from the Board:
- D10.1. by a Special Resolution at a General Meeting held with the written consent of the Parent; or
- D10.2. by a resolution passed by two-thirds of the Board Members, excluding the Board Member subject of the proposed removal and excluding co-optees and Employees, provided the following conditions are satisfied:
- at least fourteen days' notice of the proposed resolution has been given to all Board Members; and
 - the notice sets out in writing the reasons for the removal; and
 - the Board is satisfied that the reasons justify the removal; and
 - the Parent has given its prior written approval to the Board calling and holding the special meeting.
- D11. A Board Member who has been appointed by the Parent in accordance with rules D6 or D19 may only, subject to the Board Member reaching their maximum term of office in accordance with rules D13 to D16 be removed by the Parent by notice in writing to the Secretary.
- D12. Whenever the number of Board Members and co-optees is less than the maximum permitted by these Rules, the Board may appoint a further Board Member in addition to the Board's power to co-opt co-optees.

Terms of office and appointment to the Board

- D13. All Board Members will be appointed by the Board or the Parent in accordance with any Board membership policies or appointment procedures adopted by the Board from time to time. In making appointments under this rule D13, the Board shall endeavour to ensure that the Board possesses the quality, skills, competencies and experience which the Board has from time to time determined that it requires.
- D14. Subject to the time limits set out in rules D13 to D17 and any other restrictions in these rules, each Board Member shall be appointed for a fixed term of office (each a "**Fixed Term**"). The Fixed Term shall run from the date of appointment and will be determined by the Board but shall not exceed three years.
- D15. No fixed term shall be set which would cause the relevant Board Member to serve beyond their sixth consecutive year in office (and for this purpose time served on the Board of another Group Member or on the Board of any predecessor of the Association or of another Group Member shall be counted), save where the Board agrees that circumstances exist where it would be in the best interests of the Association for a Board Member to serve for a longer period. No Board Member may

be appointed for a further term which when aggregated with their earlier continuous service as a Board Member, would exceed ten years.

- D16. Any Board Member having completed six years' continuous service (or six years' continuous service plus any extended period agreed by the Board under Rule D15) on the Board of the Association (or any predecessor) and/or of a Group Member (or any predecessor) shall retire from office and not be eligible for re-appointment for at least one full term of office (i.e. three years) and subject to any restrictions contained in these Rules.
- D17. Board Members who are Employees shall not be subject to rules D13 to D16.
- D18. In relation to those persons who are Board Members on the date of the adoption of these Rules, their fixed term shall be determined by the Board.
- D19. Notwithstanding any of the above provisions, the Parent has the right at any time to appoint any or all Board Members (and any co-optees) on such terms as the Parent determines and to remove any or all Board Members (and any co-optees) at any time. Any such appointment or removal shall be effected immediately on receipt of notice in writing delivered to the registered office of the Association. Any Board Member appointed under this rule D19 shall be a Parental Appointee for the purposes of these Rules.
- D20. The Board may appoint or co-opt Employees to the Board (with the written consent of the Parent) on such terms as the Board resolves (with the written consent of the Parent) but no Employee may be appointed (or co-opted) to the Board if, following their appointment (or co-option), Employees would be in a majority.

Quorum for the Board

D21.

D21.1. Subject to the provisions of rule D21.2 three Board Members (including a Parental Appointee if any Parental Appointees have been appointed) shall form a quorum. The Board may determine a higher number or impose additional requirements.

D21.2. The Board will not be quorate unless:

- Employees are in a minority; and
- Board Members who are Residents of the Association are not more than two-thirds of the quorum.

D21.3. If the number and make up of Board Members falls below the number and make up necessary for a quorum, the remaining Board Members may continue to act as the Board for a maximum period of six months and the provisions of rule D21.2 shall be suspended for that time. At the end of that time the only power that the Board may exercise shall be to bring the number and make up of Board Members up to that required by these Rules.

Board Members' Interests

- D22. No Board Member, co-optee or member of a committee shall have any financial interest in any contract or other transaction with the Association or with any other Group Member, or be granted a benefit by the Association, unless such interest or benefit:

- D22.1. is expressly permitted by these Rules; or
- D22.2. would not be in breach of, and would not be inconsistent with, any guidance, standard or code published by the Regulator, section 122 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 or any code of conduct and/or governance adopted by the Board.
- D23. Any Board Member, co-optee or member of a committee, having an interest in any arrangement with the Association or any other Group Member, or in any arrangement between the Association or other Group Member and someone else shall disclose their interest before the matter is discussed by the Board or any committee. Such disclosure must comply with any code of conduct and/or governance adopted by the Board from time to time. Unless it is expressly permitted by these Rules they shall not remain present (unless requested to do so by the Board or committee) and they shall not have any vote on the matter in question.
- D24. Subject to rule D23, if a question arises at a meeting of Board Members or of a committee of the Board as to the right of a Board Member, co optee or member of a committee to participate in the meeting (or part of the meeting) for voting or quorum purposes, the question may, before the conclusion of the meeting, be referred to the Chair or chair of the committee in the case of a member of a committee, whose ruling in relation to any Board Member, co optee or member of a committee (other than the Chair or chair of the committee) is to be final and conclusive.
- D25. If any question as to the right to participate in the meeting (or part of the meeting) should arise in respect of the Chair or chair of the committee, the question is to be decided by a decision of the Board Members or members of that committee at that meeting, for which purpose the Chair or chair of the committee is not to be counted as participating in the meeting (or that part of the meeting) for voting or quorum purposes.
- D26. Any decision of the Board or of a committee shall not be invalid because of the subsequent discovery of an interest which should have been declared.
- D27. Every Board Member, co-optee and member of a committee shall ensure that the Secretary at all times has a list of:
- D27.1. all other bodies in which they have an interest as:
- a director or Officer; or
 - a member of a firm; or
 - an official or elected member of any statutory body; or
 - the owner or controller of more than two per cent of a company the shares in which are publicly quoted or more than ten per cent of any other company;
- D27.2. any property owned or managed by the Association which they occupy; or
- D27.3. any other significant or material interest.
- D28. If requested by a majority of the Board Members or members of a committee (as appropriate) at a meeting convened specially for this purpose, a Board Member, co-optee or member of a committee failing to disclose an interest as required by these Rules shall vacate their office either permanently or for a period of time as the Board directs.

- D29. Notwithstanding rule D22, the Association may:
- D29.1. pay properly authorised expenses to Board Members, co-optees and members of committees when actually incurred on the Association's business;
 - D29.2. pay insurance premiums in respect of insurance taken out to insure Officers and Employees;
 - D29.3. pay reasonable and proper remuneration, fees, allowances or recompense for loss of earnings to Board Members, co-optees and members of committees following appropriate independent advice; and
 - D29.4. subject to compliance with Section 122 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008, and subject to compliance with any code of conduct and/or governance adopted by the Board from time to time grant reasonable and proper benefits to Board Members, co-optees and members of committees;
 - D29.5. pay Board Members, co-optees or committee members who are also Employees, other remuneration and other benefits for that employment; and
 - D29.6. grant benefits to Board Members, co-optees or members of committees who are beneficiaries which are granted on the same terms and in accordance with the same criteria as they would be granted to any other beneficiary of the Association.
- D30. It is further permitted for a Board Member, co-optee or committee member to enter into a contract in writing with the Association to supply goods or services in return for payment or other material benefit, but only if:
- D30.1. the goods or services are actually required by the Association and the Board decides that it is in the best interests of the Association to enter into such a contract;
 - D30.2. the nature and level of the remuneration is no more than is reasonable in relation to the value of the goods or services; and
 - D30.3. no more than half of the Board (including Board Members and co-optees), or half of the members of a committee, as the case may be, benefit from any such contract in any financial year.
- D31. Board Members, co-optees or members of committees who are Residents shall be deemed not to have an interest for the purpose of rules D22 to D27 in any decision affecting all or a substantial group of Residents.

Meetings of the Board

- D32. The Board shall meet at least three times every calendar year. At least seven days' written notice (delivered by hand, sent by post or Electronic Communication) of the date and place of every Board meeting shall be given by the Secretary to all Board Members and co-optees. The Board may meet on shorter notice where not less than seventy-five per cent of the Board Members so agree.
- D33. Meetings of the Board may be called by the Secretary, or by the Chair, or by two Board Members who give written notice to the Secretary specifying the business to be carried out. The Secretary shall send a written notice to all Board Members and co-optees to the Board within seven Business Days after receipt of such a request. Pursuant to the

request, the Secretary shall call a meeting on at least seven days' notice but not more than fourteen days' notice to discuss the specified business. If the Secretary fails to call such a meeting, then the Chair or two Board Members, whichever is the case, shall call such a meeting.

- D34. Meetings of the Board or a committee can take place in any manner and through any medium which permits those attending to hear and comment on the proceedings. Any person who attends in this manner will be deemed to be present at the meeting whether or not all are assembled in one place.
- D35. Questions arising at a Board meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes and each Board Member present in person shall be entitled to one vote. In the case of any equality of votes, the Chair of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

Management and Delegation

- D36. The Board may delegate any powers under written terms of reference (with the Parent's prior approval) to its committees (including to Committees of any Group Member) or to Officers or Employees of the Association or of any Group Member. Those powers shall be exercised in accordance with any written instructions given by the Board.
- D37. The Board may reserve to itself certain significant matters that cannot be delegated to committees or Employees.
- D38. The Membership of any committee of the Association shall be determined by the Board (with the prior approval of the Parent). Every committee of the Association shall include at least one Board Member or co-optee to the Board. The Board will appoint the chair of any committee and shall specify the quorum.
- D39. All acts and proceedings of any committee of the Association shall be reported to the Board.
- D40. No committee can incur expenditure on behalf of the Association unless at least one Board Member or co-optee of the Board on the committee has voted in favour of the resolution and the Board has previously approved a budget for the relevant expenditure.

Miscellaneous provisions

- D41. All decisions taken at a Board or any committee meeting in good faith shall be valid even if it is discovered subsequently that there was a defect in the calling of the meeting, or the appointment of the members at a meeting.
- D42. A resolution sent to all Board Members or all members of a committee and signed, or confirmed by Electronic Communication by three-quarters of the Board Members or three-quarters of the members of a committee shall be as valid and effective as if it had been passed at a properly called and constituted meeting of the Board or committee and may consist of documents in the same form and signed or confirmed by Electronic Communication by one or more persons.
- D43. Notice may be given to Board Members or members of a committee by hand, post or Electronic Communication at the last address for such communication given to the Secretary. The accidental failure to give notice to a Board Member or member of a committee or the failure of the Board Member or committee member to receive such notice shall not invalidate the proceedings of the Board or committee.

- D44. The Board may, by power of attorney or otherwise, appoint any person to be the agent of the Association for such purposes and on such conditions as they determine, including authority for the agent to delegate all or any of his or her powers.

PART E CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, SECRETARY AND OTHER OFFICERS

The Chair

- E1. The Association shall have a Chair, who shall chair Board meetings, and shall be appointed by the Parent on such terms as the Parent determines. The Association may also have a vice Chair who, in the Chair's absence, shall act as the Chair and have the Chair's powers and duties and who shall be appointed by the Parent. The arrangements for appointment and removal of any vice Chair shall be determined by the Parent.
- E2. The first item of business for any Board meeting when there is no Chair (or vice Chair) or the Chair (or vice Chair) is not present shall be to appoint a Chair for the purpose of the meeting. The Chair shall at all times be a Shareholder and a Board Member and cannot be an Employee.
- E3. In a case of an equality of votes, the Chair shall have a second vote.
- E4. The Chair of the Association may be removed either by the Parent or at a Board meeting called for that purpose provided that the Parent has provided its prior consent and the resolution is passed by at least two-thirds of the Board Members present and voting at the meeting.

The Chair's Responsibilities

- E5. The Chair's responsibilities will be set out in a written document and agreed by the Parent.

The Chief Executive

- E6. The Association may have a chief executive appointed by the Board with the prior approval of the Parent. The chief executive shall be appointed with a written and signed contract of employment, which shall include a clear statement of the duties of the chief executive.

The Secretary

- E7. The Association shall have a Secretary who shall be appointed by the Board and who may be an Employee. The Board may also appoint a deputy Secretary (who may also be an Employee) to act as Secretary in the Secretary's absence. The Secretary's duties will be clearly set out in writing and agreed by the Board.

Other Officers

- E8. With the prior approval of the Parent, the Board may designate as Officers such other executives, internal auditor and staff of the Association on such terms (including pay) as it from time to time decides.

Miscellaneous

- E9. Every Officer or Employee shall be indemnified by the Association for any amount reasonably incurred in the discharge of their duty.

- E10. Except for the consequences of their own dishonesty or negligence no Officer or Employee shall be liable for any losses suffered by the Association or any Group Member.

PART F FINANCIAL CONTROL AND AUDIT

Auditor

- F1. The Association, if required by law to do so, shall appoint an auditor to act in each financial year. They must be qualified as provided by Section 91 of the Act.
- F2. The following cannot act as auditor:
- F2.1. an Officer or Employee;
 - F2.2. a person employed by or employer of, or the partner of, an Officer or Employee.
- F3. The Association's auditor may be appointed by the Board or by a resolution of Shareholders.
- F4. Where an auditor is appointed to audit the accounts for the preceding year, they shall be re-appointed to audit the current year's as well unless:
- F4.1. a General Meeting has appointed someone else to act or has resolved that the auditor cannot act; or
 - F4.2. the auditor does not want to act and has told the Association so in writing; or
 - F4.3. the person is not qualified or falls within rule F2 (above); or
 - F4.4. the auditor has become incapable of acting; or
 - F4.5. notice to appoint another auditor has been given.
- F5.
- F5.1. No less than twenty-eight days' notice shall be given for a resolution to appoint another person as auditor, or to forbid a retiring auditor being re-appointed;
 - F5.2. the Association shall send a copy of the resolution to the retiring auditor and also give notice to Shareholders at the same time and in the same manner, if possible;
 - F5.3. if not, the Association shall give notice by advertising in a local newspaper at least 14 days before the proposed meeting. The retiring auditor can make representations to the Association which must be notified to Shareholders under Section 95 of the Act.

Auditor's duties

- F6. The findings of the auditor shall be reported to the Association, in accordance with Section 87 of the Act.
- F7. The Board shall produce the revenue account and balance sheet audited by the auditor, if required, and the auditor's report, if required, at each annual General Meeting (if an annual General Meeting is held). The Board shall also produce its report on the affairs of the Association which shall be signed by the person chairing the meeting which adopts the report.

Accounting requirements

- F8. The end of the accounting year must be a date allowed by the Registrar.
- F9. The Association shall keep proper books of account detailing its transactions, its assets and its liabilities, in accordance with Sections 75 and 76 of the Act.
- F10. The Association shall establish and maintain satisfactory systems of control of its books of account, its cash and all its receipts and payments.

Annual returns and balance sheets

- F11. Every year, within the time period specified by legislation, the Secretary shall send the Association's annual return to the Registrar. The return shall be prepared in accordance with the period specified in the Act, or such other date allowed by the Registrar and shall be lodged within the period required by law. The annual return shall be accompanied by the auditor's report, if required, for the period of the return and the accounts and balance sheets to which it refers.

Borrowing

- F12. The total borrowings of the Association at any time shall not exceed £4 billion (four billion) pounds sterling or such a larger sum as the Association determines from time to time in General Meeting. For the purpose of this rule F12, at any relevant time, any amount of the Association's borrowings in any currency other than pounds sterling (as may be permitted or not prohibited by the Regulator from time to time) shall be converted to sterling using the exchange rate or rates applicable under the related Derivative Transaction or transactions by which the Association has hedged its exposure to currency exchange rate movements in relation to the principal amount of such borrowings, or in the absence of such a rate or rates (in whole or in part) using the official spot exchange rate or rates recognised by the Bank of England for the conversion of that currency or currency unit into sterling at or about 11:00 on the relevant day.
- F13. The rate of interest payable at the time terms of borrowing are agreed on any money borrowed shall not exceed the rate of interest which, in the opinion of the Board, is reasonable having regard to the terms of the loan. The Board may delegate the determination of the said interest rate within specified limits to an Officer, Board Member or member of a committee.
- F14.
 - F14.1. In respect of any proposed borrowing, for the purposes of rule F12 and in relation to the amount remaining un discharged of any deferred interest or index-linked monies or amounts on any deep discounted security previously borrowed by the Association, the amount of such pre-existing borrowing shall be deemed to be the amount required to repay such pre-existing borrowing in full if such pre-existing borrowing became repayable in full at the time of the proposed borrowing; and
 - F14.2. for the purposes of rule F13 in respect of any proposed borrowing intended to be on deferred interest or index-linked terms or on any deep discounted security the amount of borrowing shall be deemed to be the proceeds of such proposed borrowing receivable by the Association at the time of the proposed borrowing; and

- F14.3. no person dealing in good faith with the Association shall be concerned to know whether rule F12, F13 or this rule F14 have been complied with.

Investment

- F15. The funds of or monies borrowed by the Association may be invested by the Board in such manner as it determines but with either the prior written consent of the Parent or in accordance with an investment policy approved by the Parent.

PART G MISCELLANEOUS AND STATUTORY

Registered office and name

- G1. The Association's registered office is 152 Rockingham Street, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S1 4EB.
- G2. The Association's registered name must:
- G2.1. be placed prominently outside every office or place of business; and
- G2.2. be engraved on its seal; and
- G2.3. be stated on its business letters, notices, advertisements, official publications, cheques, invoices, website and any other formal corporate communication whether electronic or otherwise.

Disputes

- G3. Any dispute on a matter covered by these Rules shall be referred by either party to a suitably qualified independent mediator for settlement. The mediator shall be appointed by agreement between the parties or, in default of agreement, by the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution whether the disagreement be as to the qualifications, the identity of the mediator or otherwise. The mediation will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the mediator. Both parties will be obliged to comply and co-operate with this procedure at each stage and to share equally the costs of appointment of the relevant mediator as referred to above. Costs thereafter will be borne as the mediator will determine. Where the dispute is not resolved by mediation, any claim shall be dealt with in the county court which shall have sole jurisdiction over any dispute arising under the Rules.

Minutes, seal, registers and books

- G4. The minutes of all General Meetings and all board and committee meetings shall be recorded, agreed at the relevant subsequent meeting and signed by the Chair of the subsequent meeting and stored safely.
- G5. The Secretary shall keep the seal. It shall not be used except under the Board's authority. It must be affixed by two Board Members signing or one Board Member signing and the Secretary countersigning or in such other way as the Board resolves. The Board may in the alternative authorise the execution of deeds in any other way permitted by law.
- G6. The Association must keep at its registered office:
- G6.1. the register of Shareholders showing:
- the names and addresses (including electronic addresses if provided) of all the Shareholders; and

- a statement of all the shares held by each Shareholder and the amount paid for them; and
 - a statement of other property in the Association held by the Shareholder; and
 - the date that each Shareholder was entered in the register of Shareholder;
- G6.2. a duplicate register of Shareholders showing the names and addresses of Shareholders and the date they became Shareholder;
- G6.3. a register of the names and addresses of the Officers, their offices and the dates on which they assumed those offices as well as a duplicate;
- G6.4. a register of holders of any loan;
- G6.5. a register of mortgages and charges on land; and
- G6.6. a copy of the Rules of the Association.
- G7. The Association must display a copy of its latest balance sheet and auditor's report (if one is required by law) at its registered office.
- G8. The Association shall give to all Shareholders on request copies of its last annual return with the auditor's report (if one is required by law) on the accounts contained in the return, free of charge.
- G9. The Secretary shall give a copy of these Rules to any person on demand who pays such reasonable sum as permitted by law. However, no sum is payable where the request is made by a Shareholder who has not previously been given a copy of the Rules as updated from time to time.

Statutory applications to the Registrar

- G10. Ten Shareholders can apply to the Registrar to appoint an accountant to inspect the books of the Association, provided all ten have been Shareholders of the Association for a twelve-month period immediately before their application.
- G11. The Shareholders may, in accordance with the Act, apply to the Registrar in order to get the affairs of the Association inspected or to call a special General Meeting. One hundred Shareholders, or one-tenth of the Shareholders, whichever is the lesser, must make the application.

Amendment of Rules

- G12.
- G12.1. With the prior consent of the Parent, the Rules of the Association may be rescinded or amended but not so as to stop the Association being a charity in law.
- G12.2. The Rules may only be amended by a resolution put before the Shareholders by the Board.
- G12.3. Rules A2; A3; A4; B1; B2; B3; C2; C3; D22; G12 and G14 can only be amended or rescinded by way of a written resolution or by three-fourths of the votes cast at a General Meeting. Any other rule can be rescinded or amended by two-thirds of the votes cast at a General Meeting or by way of a written resolution.

- G12.4. Amended Rules shall be registered with the Registrar as soon as possible after the amendment has been made. An amended rule is not valid until it is registered.
- G12.5. A copy of the amended Rules shall be sent to the Regulator as soon as possible after registration by the Registrar.

Dissolution

- G13. The Association may be dissolved by a three-fourths majority of Shareholders who sign an instrument of dissolution in the prescribed format or by winding-up under the Act.
- G14.
 - G14.1. Any property that remains, after the Association is wound-up or dissolved and all debts and liabilities dealt with, the Shareholders may resolve to give or transfer to another charity in law with objects similar to that of the Association.
 - G14.2. If no such institution exists, the property shall be transferred or given to the Housing Associations Charitable Trust.
 - G14.3. If the Association is registered as a provider of Social Housing with the Regulator any transfer or gift must be in compliance with the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 or any other relevant legal and Regulatory provisions which exist from time to time.

Interpretation of terms

- G15. In these Rules, including this rule, unless the subject matter or context is inconsistent:
 - G15.1. words importing the singular or plural shall include the plural and singular respectively;
 - G15.2. words importing gender shall include the male and female genders;
 - G15.3. **Amendment of Rules** shall include the making of a new rule and the rescission of a rule, and "amended" in relation to Rules shall be construed accordingly;
 - G15.4. the **Act** shall mean the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014;
 - G15.5. the **Association** shall mean the Association of which these are the registered Rules;
 - G15.6. **Board** shall mean the Board appointed in accordance with Part D and **Board Member** shall mean a member of the Board for the time being but shall not include a person co-opted to the Board under rule D5.2;
 - G15.7. Business Day** shall mean Monday to Friday (inclusive) but excluding bank holidays;
 - G15.8. **Chair** shall mean the person appointed as Chair in accordance with rule E1 and where applicable shall include the vice Chair;
 - G15.9. **Clear Days**, in respect of notice for a meeting, shall mean a period calculated excluding both the day on which any notice or communication is deemed to be received under these rules and the date of the meeting;

- G15.10. **Derivative Transaction** means any transaction which is a forward, swap, future, option or other derivative on one or more rates, currencies, commodities, equity securities or other equity instruments, debt securities or other debt instruments, economic indices or measures of economic risk or value, or other benchmarks against which payments or deliveries are to be made, or any combination of these transactions;
- G15.11. **Electronic Communication** shall have the meaning set out in section 148 of the Act;
- G15.12. **Electronic Facility** or **Facilities** shall mean any mode or manner of communication that enables a Shareholder to:
- 15.12.1. participate in the business for which the meeting has been convened;
 - 15.12.2. hear all persons who speak at the meeting;
 - 15.12.3. be heard by all other persons attending and participating in the meeting; and
 - 15.12.4. vote on the resolutions in a manner that enables the chair of the meeting to determine whether the Shareholder is voting for or against the resolution or whether the Shareholder is abstaining.
 - 15.12.5. The decision of the chair of a meeting as to whether the requirements of (1) – (4) inclusive are satisfied shall be definitive;
- G15.13. **Employee** means an employee of the Association or any Group Member;
- G15.14. **General Meeting** shall mean a General Meeting of the Association's Shareholders called and held in accordance with rules C15 - C36;
- G15.15. **Group Member** means the Association, each subsidiary of the Association, any body corporate of which the Association is a subsidiary and any subsidiary of such body corporate and for this purpose "subsidiary" has the meaning within the Act and/or the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 and/or the Companies Act 2006;
- G15.16. **notice** shall be deemed to have been received by a person:
- 15.16.1. if posted by first class post at least two Business Days (meaning Monday to Friday but excluding bank holidays) after being posted;
 - 15.16.2. if sent by Electronic Communication one hour after transmission provided that no transmission notification of non-delivery or error has been received by the person transmitting the communication and the transmission is to the Electronic Communication address or number last notified by that person to the Secretary;
 - 15.16.3. if delivered by hand, on delivery to the person's address last notified by that person to the Secretary;
- G15.17. **Officer** shall include the Chair and Secretary of the Association and any Board Member for the time being and such other persons as the Board may appoint under rule E8;

- G15.18. **Parent** shall mean Places for People Group Limited a company limited by guarantee with registration number 3777037 or any successor body;
- G15.19. **Parental Appointee** shall mean a Board Member appointed by the Parent under rule D19;
- G15.20. **Property** shall include all real and personal estate (including loan stock certificates, books and papers);
- G15.21. **Register of Shareholders** means the register kept in accordance with rule G6.1;
- G15.22. **Registrar** means the Financial Conduct Authority or any statutory successor to or any assignee of any or all of its relevant functions from time to time;
- G15.23. **Regulator** means the Regulator of Social Housing established by paragraph 14 of the Schedule to the Legislative Reform (Regulator of Social Housing) (England) Order 2018 or any future body or authority (including any statutory successor) carrying on similar regulatory or supervisory functions;
- G15.24. **Resident** means a person who alone or jointly with others holds a tenancy, lease or licence to occupy the Association's premises or the premises of any other Group Member for residential use;
- G15.25. **Secretary** means the Officer appointed by the Board to be the Secretary of the Association or other person authorised by the Board to act as the Secretary's deputy;
- G15.26. **Shareholders** shall mean one of the persons referred to in rule C5 and means member as defined by the Act;
- G15.27. **Social Housing** means low cost rental accommodation and low cost home ownership accommodation as defined in sections 68 to 77 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008;
- G15.28. **Special Resolution** means a resolution at a General Meeting passed by a two-thirds majority of all Shareholders who vote in person or by proxy;
- G15.29. **these Rules** shall mean the registered rules of the Association for the time being;
- G15.30. references to any provision in any Act shall include reference to such provision as from time to time amended, varied, replaced, extended or re-enacted and to any orders or regulations made under such provision.
- G16. Nothing in these Rules overrides the provisions of the Act (as amended, rescinded or replaced), including the requirement for resolutions to be passed in accordance with statutory procedures set out therein.

CO-OPERATIVE AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETIES ACT 2014

Acknowledgement of Registration of Society

Register No.....**20165 R**

South Yorkshire Housing Association Limited

is this day registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

Dated(Seal of Central Office)

Copy kept **Registrar**

1 *Udayteeb* Shareholder

2 *Smith* Shareholder

3 *Upstond* Shareholder

..... *Miss* Secretary

Complete amendment of rules

Section 1 – About this form

Use this form to register a complete rule change for a society registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 (2014 Act) (except credit unions); or for societies registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 (1969 Act). A complete amendment means a whole new set of rules is registered in place of an existing rule book.

To register a complete amendment of rules we need:

- this completed form
- one signed copy of the society's rules (or two copies where not submitting electronically)
- a marked up version of the rules tracking changes made to the model, if you are using a set of model rules
- a completed Statutory Declaration form.

This form, including any details provided on the form, will be made available to the public through the Mutuels Public Register: <https://mutuals.fca.org.uk>. Our privacy notice explains how and why we use personal data: <https://www.fca.org.uk/privacy>.

Societies may find it helpful to read Chapter 3 of our guidance on our registration function under the 2014 Act before completing this form: <https://www.handbook.fca.org.uk/handbook/RFC CBS>

Section 2 – About this application

Society name	South Yorkshire Housing Association Limited
Register number	20165R

2.1 Who should we contact about this application?

Name	Sharon Thandi
Role	Partner
Email address	sharon.thandi@devonshires.co.uk
Phone number	020 3815 2653

2.2 If you have used a set of model rules please provide the name of the model and the name of sponsoring body.

Sponsor	National Housing Federation
Model	National Housing Federation Model Rules 2015

2.3 Please confirm you have the consent of the sponsoring body for use of their model rules.

The sponsoring body has consented to our use of their model



Section 3– Conditions for registration.

All societies are registered meeting one of two conditions for registration. These are that the society is either:

- a bona fide co-operative society ('co-operative society'); **or**
- are conducting business for the benefit of the community ('community benefit society').

We must maintain arrangements that are designed to enable us to determine whether a society is complying with the 2014 Act. One way we do this is by requiring societies to complete the questions at either section 3A or 3B of this form when submitting a rule amendment.

Please only answer one set of questions:

- section 3A for bona fide co-operatives; **or**
- section 3B for societies conducting their business for the benefit of the community.

If you are not sure which of these two conditions for registration applies to you, please read chapters 4 and 5 of our guidance:

<https://www.handbook.fca.org.uk/handbook/RFC CBS>.

Section 3A – Co-operative societies

Complete this section if your society is a bona fide co-operative society.

3A.1 What is the business of the society? For example, do you provide housing, manufacture goods, develop IT systems etc.

3A.2 Please describe the members' common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations. In answering this question, please make sure it is clear what needs and aspirations members have in common.

3A.3 How does the society's business meet those needs and aspirations? You have described the society's business at question 3A.1, and at question 3A.2 you have described the common needs and aspirations of members. Please now describe how that business meets those common needs and aspirations.

3A.4 How do members democratically control the society? For example, do the members elect a board at an annual general meeting; do all members collectively run the society.

3A.5 What does the society do with any surplus or profit? For instance, do you pay a dividend to members (and if so, on what basis); does money get reinvested in the business; put into reserves; used for some other purpose?

3A.6 Please state any close links which any of the directors has with any society, company or authority. 'Close links' includes any directorships or senior positions held by directors of the society in other organisations.

Please go to Section 4.

Section 3B – Community benefit societies

Complete this section if your society conducts its business for the benefit of the community.

3B.1 What is the business of the society? For example, do you provide social housing, run an amateur sports club, etc.

The Society is a registered provider of social housing registered with the Regulator of Social Housing. It carries out the business of providing (and managing) housing, including Social Housing and providing assistance to help house people and associated facilities and amenities and services for poor people or for the relief of elderly people, people with disabilities (whether physically or mentally) or chronically sick people.

3B.2 Please describe the benefits to the community the society? Here we are looking to see *what* the benefits to the community are. Community can be said to be the community at large. For example, do you relieve poverty or homelessness by providing social housing.

The Society relieves poverty and homelessness by providing housing to poor people and relieving the needs of the aged , disabled and chronically sick people.

The Society's activities benefit those in need of affordable housing in the society's areas of operation and any other people who can be benefited by a registered society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 which is also a Registered Provider of Social Housing registered with the Regulator of Social Housing and is a provider of social housing.

3B.3 Please describe how the society's business delivers these benefits?

The business of the society must be conducted for the benefit of the community. Please describe *how* the society's business (as described in answer to question 5B.1) provides benefit to the community.

Rule A2 states that " The Association is formed for the benefit of the community. Its charitable objects shall be to carry on for the benefit of the community:

the business of providing and managing housing, including Social Housing, and providing assistance to help house people and associated facilities, amenities and services for poor people or for the relief of aged, disabled (whether physically or mentally) or chronically sick people; (Rule A2.1)

any other charitable object that can be carried out from time to time by a registered society registered as a provider of Social Housing with the Regulator (Rule A2.2)."

3B.4 Does the society work with a specific community, and if so, please describe it here? For instance, are the society's activities confined to a specific location; or to a specific group of people? Please note that in serving the needs of any defined community, the society should not inhibit the benefit to the community at large.

South Yorkshire Housing Association Limited currently own and manage homes in Yorkshire.

3B.5 What does the society do with any surplus or profit? For instance, do you donate the money; does money get reinvested in the business; put into reserves; used for some other purpose?

**Any surplus/profits are applied for the purpose of furthering the Association's objects or in accordance with the Rules
Nothing shall be paid or transferred by way of profit to shareholders.**

Rule A3 states that the association "shall not trade for profit. Rule A4 states that "Nothing shall be paid or transferred by way of profit to shareholders of the association." Rule C1 also provides that the shareholders will act for the benefit of the community.

The Society may be dissolved by shareholders as described in Rule G12 and any property remaining after such dissolution may be transferred to another charitable body having similar objects to the society (Rule G13).

3B.6 Please state any significant commercial arrangements that the society has, or had, with any other organisation that could create, or be perceived as creating, a conflict of interest. Please tell us how you ensure that any such conflict of interest does not prevent the society from acting for the benefit of the community.

There are no significant commercial arrangements in place that create or would be perceived to create, a conflict of interest.

3B.7 Please state any close links which any of the directors has with any society, company or authority. 'Close links' includes any directorships or senior positions held by directors of the society in other organisations.

Kay Dickinson - Trustee and Treasurer, Voluntary Action Sheffield

Maggie Gjessing - Employee (Asst Director), 54 North Homes, a fully owned subsidiary of the Karbon Group

David Smith - Lincolnshire Housing Partnership - Employed as Executive Director of Finance & Resources; Harrogate Housing Association - Currently NED and Chair of Audit & Risk Committee

Please go to Section 4.

Section 4 – Table of matters

Provision required by the Act	Number of the rule(s) covering this E.g. '2.3-2.7'
The society's name	A1
The objects of the society	A2
Place of the society's registered office, to which all communications and notices may be addressed	G1-G2
The terms of admission of the members, including any society or company investing funds in the society under the provisions of the Act	C11-C12
The method of holding meetings, the scale and right of voting, and the method of making, altering or rescinding rules	C15-C38
The appointment and removal of a committee (by whatever name) and of managers or other officers and their respective powers and remuneration	B4-B6 D41-D43 E1-E10
The maximum amount of the interest in the shares of the society which may be held by any member otherwise than by virtue of section 24(2) of the Act	C2-C4
whether the society may contract loans or receive moneys on deposit subject to the provisions of this Act from members or others, and if so under what conditions, under what security, and to what limits of amount	B1-B3 F12-F14
Whether any or all shares are transferable, and provision for the form of transfer and registration of shares, and for the consent of the committee to transfer or registration Whether any or all shares are withdrawable, and provision for the method of withdrawal and for payment of the balance due on them on withdrawing from the society	C2-C4 C39-C40
Provision for the audit of accounts in accordance with Part 7 of the Act	F1-F11
Whether members may withdraw from the society and if so how, and provision for the claims of the representatives of deceased members and of the trustees of the property of bankrupt members (or, in Scotland, members whose estates have been sequestrated), and for the payment of nominees	C13-C14 C39-C40
The way in which the society's profits are to be applied	A3-A4 B1-B3
If the society is to have a common seal, provision for its custody and use	G4
Whether any part of the society's funds may be invested, and if so by what authority and in what way	B2.6- B2.6 F15

Section 5 – Completing this application

5.1 Please confirm the rules have been signed by 3 members and the secretary (4 signatures in total)

The rules contain the required signatures ☒

5.2 Please confirm which of the following you are submitting:

One electronic, scanned signed copy of the rules ☒

Or two signed paper copies of the rules ☐

5.3 Please confirm either:

Model rules have not been used. ☐

Model rules have been used without amendment ☐

An amended set of model rules have been used, and a marked up copy detailing the changes made to the model is included with the application. ☒

Section 6 – Statutory Declaration

6.1 Please complete this statutory declaration

An officer of the society or credit union must complete this section:

Name	David Chrystal
Role	Secretary

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the amendment of the rules of the said society or credit union, a copy of which is attached marked 'X', complies with 1969 Act/2014 Act (as applicable) and has been duly made by the society in the manner provided in its rules for the making, altering or rescinding of rules.

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and by the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

Signature	
Date	28 OCTOBER 2025

This was declared before me, a:

Solicitor ☒

Commissioner for oaths ☐

Notary Public ☐

Justice of the Peace ☐

Name	ELLEN SOPHIA MARIA MARTIN	
Declared at:	TAYLOR EMMET LLP 20 ARUNDEL GATE SHEFFIELD S1 2PP	SRA: 7050061 TAYLOR & EMMET LLP, SOLICITORS 20 ARUNDEL GATE SHEFFIELD S1 2PP
Signature		
Date	28/10/2025	

Section 7 – Submitting this form

Please submit a signed, scanned version of your application by email to:
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Or please submit by post to:

Mutual Societies
Financial Conduct Authority
12 Endeavour Square
London
E20 1JN

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