Statement of Legal Requirement – Abram Ward Neighbourhood Forum

Abram Ward Community Cooperative (AWCC) is a voluntary sector social enterprise that provides community based services to support residents across the Abram Ward.

AWCC proposed to lead the Abram Ward Neighbourhood Forum which will be the responsible for the resident and stakeholder consultation, design, production and delivery of the Abram Neighbourhood Plan.

As required under 8(e) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, the proposed Abram Ward Neighbourhood Forum will comply with Section 61F(5) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended, because it will meet the following requirements:

(a) It is being established for the express purpose of promoting or improving the social, economic and environmental well-being of an area that consists of or includes the neighbourhood area concerned (whether or not it is also established for the express purpose of promoting the carrying on of trades, professions or other businesses in such an area).

(b) Its membership will be open to—

(i) Individuals who live in the neighbourhood area concerned.

(ii) Individuals who work there (whether for businesses carried on there or otherwise).

(iii) Individuals who are elected members of a district council any of whose area falls within the neighbourhood area concerned.

(c) Its membership will includes a minimum of 21 individuals each of whom—

(i) Lives in the neighbourhood area concerned.

(ii) Works there (whether for a business carried on there or otherwise).

(iii) Is an elected member of a district council any of whose area falls within the neighbourhood area concerned.

(d) It will have a written constitution. The prospective Abram Ward Neighbourhood Forum has a written constitution that will be adopted in May 2015.

(e) Such other conditions as may be prescribed. Other conditions prescribed in Regulations have been met.

Local Residents, Local Volunteers, Community Groups, Local Businesses, Community Hubs and Statutory Organisations working across the Abram Ward, plus current Members of Abram Ward Community Cooperative, were emailed to inform of a public meeting open to all that would held within the Platt Bridge Community Forum monthly meetings, held on Thursday 12th March 2015 at 7.00pm at Platt Bridge Community Zone, 81 Ribble Road, Platt Bridge.

The meeting attracted 15 people. 3 people emailed to say they could not attend the meeting but would like to put their name forward to be included as Members. A vote to establish a Neighbourhood Forum was passed unanimously. After the meeting, a further 6 people emailed AWCC to express their interest in becoming a Member.

The Meeting invited people who work in or live in the Abram Ward. The initial meeting invited along local residents, representatives from Platt Bridge Children’s Centre, representative from Wigan and Leigh Homes, Ward Councillors, PCSO’s plus representatives from Social Enterprises working within the Abram Ward.

The initial 24 Members include people representing a wide range of target areas and Social Values. The Members also include a wide range of skills and experiences and contains representatives from all 5 villages within the Abram Ward.

The Forum members are:

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