

Extracts from the Constitution of the Armenian Community Council of the United Kingdom : Sections E & F showing requirements for any member of the community to register (Section E), eligibility to vote in Council Elections (Section F para. 42) and eligibility to stand as candidate for election to the Council (Section F para. 44)

(E) REGISTRATION AS MEMBER OF THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY

39. Any person of Armenian origin and members of their immediate families residing in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland may register as a member of the Community.

40. It is incumbent on every registered member of the Community to pay the annual Community Contribution by the prescribed due date whether requested to do so or not.

41. The Community Contribution is payable by all members of the Community who are eighteen years of age and over. Persons over the age of seventy years and persons over eighteen years who are students receiving full-time education shall be entitled to request exemption from paying the Community Contribution if they so wish.

(F) ELECTORAL RULES & PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION OF THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

42. All Registered Members of the Community who fulfil the following qualifications shall be enlisted in the Electoral Register and shall be eligible to vote :

The Registered Member should

(a) have been living in the United Kingdom and enlisted in the Community Register for at least 12 months prior to the date of closing of the electoral register in the year of election,

(b) have been 18 years of age on the declared date of election and in the event that an election is postponed, the postponed date shall not be taken into consideration.

(c) have paid, or have been exempted from paying, the annual Community Contribution for the year immediately prior to the year in which the elections are scheduled to take place, and also for the current year if the annual demands for Community Contributions for the year have been sent out by the Council. Only the first declared date of election shall apply in relation to this clause.

43. Each qualifying member shall be entitled to cast one vote.

44. Registered Members of the Community who fulfil the following conditions will be entitled to stand as candidates for election to the Council:

(a) have been registered members of the Community for a period of at least four years by the 31st of December prior to the date of election, i.e. as a minimum must be in his/her fifth year of membership.

(c) have attained the age of 25 years, 26 weeks prior to the first announced date of election. In the event that an election is postponed, the second postponed date shall not be taken into consideration.

(d) are Citizens of, or residents having leave of indefinite stay in, the United Kingdom,

(e) have paid the Community Contribution, or have been exempt from paying, for the current year if a demand has been issued by the Council and for the four immediate previous years, or settle the amount due for the current year if a demand has been issued by the Council, together with all arrears due (up to four years), not later than two weeks prior to the closing date of presentation of candidatures.

(f) have declared that they do not have a criminal record and are not disqualified from serving as a Trustee of a Registered Charity.