

St Edmund Hall Ultra Vires Charity Fund

Article A

1. Name

There shall be an association within St Edmund Hall in the University of Oxford, hereinafter The Hall, known as Ultra Vires Charity Fund.

2. Object

The Ultra Vires Charity Fund exists to collect a termly levy and donate to a registered charity or an organisation whose objectives are deemed charitable.

3. Membership

Membership of the Ultra Vires Charity Fund will be comprised of all St Edmund Hall JCR members, including MCR members, who subscribe by paying the termly levy.

Article B: Management

1. The Ultra Vires Charity Fund shall hold a bank account.

2. The Charities Officer of the St Edmund Hall JCR shall be responsible for managing this bank account, cheques for which shall require their signature and that of a member of the Senior Common Room.

3. The bank account shall be financed by a voluntary opt-out termly levy of £5 charged in arrears on the Battels of all Full Members of the JCR, including all MCR members.

4. A simple majority through an online vote made by the St Edmund Hall JCR shall suffice to authorise disposal of the amount resolved in the motion from this bank account unless a deficit in the termly budget occurs.

Article C: Amendment

1. Motions asking for a donation must be sent to the St Edmund Hall JCR Secretary no fewer than 36 hours before the meeting they are to be put.

2. Accounts shall be presented to the General Meeting at the end of the Junior Treasure's tenure of office.

3. The maximum amounts for donations from the Ultra Vires Charity Fund are the following:

- i. £500 - Charity involving SEH student participation
- ii. £250 – Charity not involving student participation

4. All charities motions will be held in the last JCR Meeting of Term unless a motion has substantial time pressure and is considered “urgent” it can be submitted at any other JCR Meeting. There will then be two votes for this motion, one to vote on if it is an emergency and then a second which mandates the donation (if the first motion passes), which has the cap of £500/£250.

5. In the case of a surplus in the termly budget then the Charities Officers will nominate 5 charities for surplus budget payment. Every person who pays into the Ultra Vires fund can vote for one (via an online system) and the surplus will be divided according to the proportion of votes each achieves.
6. In the case of a deficit in the termly budget then the budget will be divided between the successful motions proportionally to their relative popularity (determined by % above 50% of “Yes” votes).
7. The JCR Charities Officer shall provide a yearly report of how funds have been spent, which shall be presented to the JCR and MCR Presidents.
8. The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority at a General Meeting subject to subsequent approval by the Governing Body. Unless otherwise prescribed by the General Meeting, the amendment is effective immediately.