



LIZABETH THE SECOND
by the Grace of God of the
United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Northern Ireland
and of Our other Realms and
Territories Queen, Head of the
Commonwealth, Defender of the
Faith:

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING!

WHEREAS We in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty two by Royal Charter (hereinafter called “the Original Charter”) granted upon a Petition of The Magistrates’ Association (therein referred to as the unincorporated association) constituted a Body Corporate by the name of The Magistrates’ Association with perpetual succession and with power to sue and be sued with said name and to use a Common Seal.

WHEREAS by their humble Petition the Council of The Magistrates’ Association have prayed that We would be pleased to grant to the said Association a Supplemental Charter.

AND WHEREAS We, have taken the said Petition into Our Royal Consideration and are minded to comply with the Prayer thereof.

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE that We of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, have granted, constituted, declared and appointed and by these Presents do for Us, Our Heirs and Successors grant, constitute, declare and appoint that:

1 In this Our Supplemental Charter, unless the context otherwise requires:

“The Association” means the Body Politic and Corporate hereby constituted;

“The Board of Trustees” means the Board of Trustees constituted and appointed as herein provided; and “Trustees” and “Trustee” shall have a corresponding meaning;

“The Council” means the Council constituted and appointed as herein provided;

“The Bye-laws” means the Bye-laws of the Association for the time being in force under or by virtue of the Provisions of this Our Charter;



“Annual General Meeting” means the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Association convened and held in accordance with the provisions of this Our Charter and the Bye-laws;

“General Meeting” means and includes the Annual General Meeting and a General Meeting of the Members of the Association convened and held in accordance with the provisions of this Our Charter and the Bye-laws;

“Magistrate” means any Justice of the Peace named in any of her Majesty’s Commissions of the Peace or any other person appointed by her Majesty in any judicial capacity at home or overseas including any person whose name appears on any supplemental list kept under the provisions of the Courts Act 2003 and any such person as aforesaid who has retired;

“Our Charter” means this Our Supplemental Charter;

- 2 The persons now being the President, Vice-Presidents and Members of The Magistrates’ Association shall for ever hereinafter continue and be confirmed as one Body Politic and Corporate with the name of “The Magistrates’ Association” and by the aforesaid name shall continue to have perpetual succession and a Common Seal, with full power to alter, vary, break or renew the same from time to time at their discretion, and shall and may by the same name sue and be sued in all Courts and in all manner of actions and suits and with full power to take, hold, grant, demise, exchange or otherwise dispose of real or personal property and to do all such other lawful acts whatsoever.
- 3 The Original Charter shall be (except insofar as it incorporated the Association and authorised them to have a Common Seal and to sue and be sued) and is hereby revoked but nothing in this revocation shall affect the legality or validity of any act, deed or thing lawfully done or executed under the provisions of the said Original Charter.
- 4 The objects for which the Association is established and incorporated are to promote the sound administration of the law, including, but not restricted to educating and instructing Magistrates and others in the law, the administration of justice, the treatment of offenders and the prevention of crime.
- 5 The income and property of the Association, wheresoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association as set forth in this Our Charter or



any Charter supplemental hereto and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to Members of the Association. Provided that nothing herein shall prevent repayment of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by, or the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any Member or servant of the Association (whether also a Trustee or not) in return for any services actually rendered to the Association, nor prevent the payment of interest at a rate not exceeding the Bank of England base rate current at the time on money lent or reasonable and proper rent of premises demised or let, by any Member to the Association (whether also a Trustee or not), nor reasonable and proper payments to a company of which a Member (whether a Trustee or not) holds not more than a hundredth of the capital.

Provided further that:

- (a) it shall be the duty of any Trustee who is in any way directly or indirectly interested in any contract or proposed contract or any other business of the Association, or who has a duty that conflicts or possibly may conflict with the interests of the Association, to disclose the nature of his interest, or duty at the meeting of the Board of Trustees or any Standing Committee thereof at which the contract, proposed contract or any other business is first discussed or at the first meeting held after he became so interested or subject to such duty, and
- (b) a Trustee at any meeting of the Board of Trustees or any Standing Committee thereof shall not vote in respect of any contract or other business in which he is interested, or in respect of any issue in which he has a duty which conflicts with the interests of the Association, and, if he shall do so, his vote shall not be counted, nor shall he be counted in the quorum present at the meeting; but nothing herein shall prohibit a Trustee from voting in respect of any contract or other business with any company in which he is interested only as a holder of not more than a hundredth of the capital.

6 The Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales for the time being shall be ex-officio President of the Association. The Board of Trustees may appoint such Vice-Presidents in such manner and for such term and with such role as it shall from time to time think fit.

7 The Members shall elect a Chairman and Deputy Chairman or Deputy Chairmen of the Association who shall also be the Chairman and Deputy Chairman or Deputy Chairmen



respectively of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall appoint an Honorary Treasurer and such other Honorary Officers in such manner and for such term as it shall from time to time deem necessary.

- 8 The Members of the Association shall be those persons who are admitted to Membership in accordance with the Bye-laws (subject to determination of Membership in accordance with the Bye-Laws) and every Member shall have all the rights and privileges attaching to a Member as provided in this Our Charter and the Bye-laws.
- 9 An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be convened and held in accordance with the Bye-laws in each calendar year.
- 10 There shall be a Council of the Association whose purpose shall be to advise and assist the Board of Trustees. The Council shall consist of such persons appointed or elected in such manner and for such term as are provided in the Bye-laws.
- 11 Subject to the provisions of this Our Charter and the Bye-laws the management of the property and affairs of the Association and all the powers of the Association shall be vested in and exercisable by the Board of Trustees.
- 12 Without restricting the generality of the foregoing provision, the Board of Trustees may do the following things:
 - (a) Appoint any person or persons (whether incorporated or unincorporated) to hold in trust for the Association any property belonging to the Association or in which it is interested, or for any other purposes, and execute and do all such deeds and things as may be requisite in relation to any such trust.
 - (b) Borrow or raise any sum or sums of money on such security, and upon such terms as to interest or otherwise, as they may deem fit, and, for the purposes of securing the same or the interest thereon or for any other purpose, create any mortgage or charge on the whole or any part of the property present or future of the Association.
 - (c) Make, draw, accept, endorse and negotiate promissory notes, bills, cheques or other negotiable instruments, provided that every promissory note, bill, cheque, or other negotiable instrument drawn, made or accepted on account of the Association shall be signed by persons authorised to do so.



- (d) Invest or lend the funds of the Association not required for immediate use in the purchase or upon mortgage of, freehold or leasehold property or in or upon such shares, stocks, funds, securities, units of unit trusts and other investments whatsoever and wheresoever and whether involving liability or not as the Board of Trustees (or any Committee to which the Board of Trustees may delegate the matter) shall in its absolute discretion think fit and whether in the name of the Association or of trustees or nominees for the Association as the Board of Trustees (or such Committee) shall decide in their absolute discretion to the intent that the Board of Trustees (or such Committee) shall have the same full and unrestricted powers of investing and transposing investments in all respects as if they were absolutely entitled thereto beneficially and no Trustee (or member of such Committee) shall be responsible or accountable for any loss occasioned by reason of the exercise of such powers unless the same shall happen through the dishonesty or wilful default of such Trustee or member.
- (e) Where deemed expedient for the purpose of promoting the objects of the Association and subject to any consents required by law, sell, let, exchange or otherwise dispose of absolutely or conditionally any part of the property of the Association, upon such terms and conditions and for such consideration as they may think fit.
- (f) Affix the Common Seal to any document provided that such document be also signed by at least two Trustees and countersigned by the Secretary or other Officer appointed for that purpose by the Board of Trustees.
- (g) Represent the Magistracy to all bodies.
- (h) Inform, educate and instruct Magistrates and others.
- (i) Issues publications and promote conferences and discussions.
- (j) Delegate permanently or temporarily any of their powers to any Standing Committee to be appointed and regulated as authorised by this Our Charter and the Bye-laws.
- (k) To construct, alter, provide, manage, maintain, furnish and fit with all the necessary furniture and other equipment any buildings and any other premises or structures or land.
- (l) To employ and pay any employees, officers, servants and professional or other advisers.
- (m) To invite and receive contributions or grants, enter into contracts, seek subscriptions or raise money in any way including carrying on trade but not by means of carrying on a trade or business for the principal purpose of raising funds, where the profits are subject to corporation tax.
- (n) To give or receive guarantees or indemnities.
- (o) To promote or undertake study or research and disseminate the results of such research.



- (p) To accumulate and set aside funds for special purposes or as reserves and to accumulate expendable endowment.
- (q) To undertake and administer any charitable trust.
- (r) To make provision for the payment of pensions and other benefits to or on behalf of employees and their dependants.
- (s) To establish, promote and otherwise assist any limited company or companies or other bodies for the purpose of acquiring any property or of furthering in any way the objects or to undertake trading and to establish the same either as wholly owned subsidiaries of the Association or jointly with other persons.
- (t) To transfer or dispose of, with or without valuable consideration, any part of the property or funds of the Association not required for the purpose of the Association in furtherance of the Association's objects.
- (u) To co-operate and enter into any arrangements with any person or body.
- (v) To open and operate bank accounts and other banking facilities.
- (w) To insure any risks arising from the Association's activities.
- (x) To purchase indemnity insurance out of the funds of the Association to indemnify any of the Trustees against any personal liability to the extent permitted by law
- (y) To delegate upon such terms and at such reasonable remuneration as the Association may think fit to professional investment managers ("the Managers") the exercise of all or any of its powers of investment as may be permitted by law.
- (z) Engage in any activities which are deemed by the Board of Trustees to be compatible with the said objects.

13 The Board of Trustees shall have power from time to time to make Bye-laws, and from time to time to revoke or alter any Bye-laws for the time being in force, subject to the provisions hereinafter contained. The Bye-laws may provide for all matters whatsoever in any way connected with the management of the Association, its objects, property and affairs not otherwise provided for by this Our Charter.

14 The Bye-laws set forth in the Schedule to this Our Charter shall, until the same shall be revoked or altered in manner herein provided, be the Bye-laws of the Association.

15 No Bye-law shall be revoked, or altered and no new Bye-laws shall take effect until submitted to and approved by a majority of not less than three-fourths of those present and



voting at a meeting of the Board of Trustees, with respect to which not less than fourteen days' notice has been given that such revocation, alteration, or new Bye-law will be taken into consideration thereat, and confirmed by a majority of not less than three-fourths of those present and voting at a General Meeting of the Association. Provided that no such revocation, alteration or new Bye-law shall have any force or effect if it be repugnant to this Our Charter or to the Laws of Our Realm, nor until it shall have been approved by the Lords of Our Most Honourable Privy Council, of which approval a Certificate under the hand of the Clerk of Our said Privy Council shall be conclusive evidence.

- 16 The Board of Trustees may make provision for all matters in connection with the Association and its objects which it may consider to require regulation, and for which no provision is made in this Our Charter or in the Bye-laws, by means of Rules or Regulations which shall be framed and published in such manner and at such time and with reference to such subjects as the Board shall think proper.
- 17 The Board of Trustees may from time to time appoint any Standing Committee or Standing Committees as it shall think fit, and as occasion may require, at such times and in such manner and with such powers and duties as the Bye-laws or the resolution appointing such Committee may prescribe. No person other than a Member of the Association may be appointed to any Committee.
- 18 The Trustees, every member of the Council or of any Standing Committee of the Board of Trustees and every Honorary Officer or servant of the Association shall be indemnified out of its funds against all costs, charges, expenses, losses and liabilities incurred by him in the proper conduct of the business of the Association or in the proper discharge of his duties. No Trustee, member of Council or of any Standing Committee of the Board of Trustees, or Honorary Officer or servant of the Association shall be liable for the acts or omissions of any other Trustee, member of Council, member of any Standing Committee of the Board of Trustees, or Honorary Officer or servant.
- 19 The Secretary of the Association shall have the custody of this Our Charter.
- 20 The Board of Trustees may by resolution approved by a majority of no less than three-fourths of those present and voting at a meeting in respect of which not less than fourteen



days' notice has been given, and with the sanction of a majority of not less than three-fourths of those present and voting at a General Meeting especially called for the purpose, amend, add to or revoke any of the provisions of this Our Charter or of any further Charter granted to the Association, provided that any such amendment, addition or revocation shall not be effective unless approved by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council.

- 21 It shall be lawful for the Board of Trustees by resolution approved by a majority of not less than three-fourths of those present and voting at a meeting in respect of which not less than fourteen days' notice has been given, and with the sanction of a majority of not less than three-fourths of those present and voting at a General Meeting specially called for the purpose, to surrender this Our Charter subject to the sanction of Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council upon such terms and We or They may consider fit, and to wind up or otherwise deal with the affairs of the Association in such manner as shall be directed by such General Meeting or in default of such directions as the Board of Trustees shall think expedient having due regard to the liabilities of the Association for the time being, but if on such winding up of the Association there remain, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever belonging to the Association the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Association or any of them but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Association (and being exclusively charitable) which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property amongst its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Association under or by virtue of Article 5 hereof, such institution or institutions to be determined by the Members of the Association at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to the aforesaid provision then to some other charitable object.
- 22 And We do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, grant and declare that these Our Letters, or the enrolment or exemplification thereof, shall be in all things valid and effectual in law according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and shall be construed and adjudged in the most favourable and beneficial sense for the best advantage of the Association as well in all Our Courts as elsewhere, notwithstanding any non-recital, mis-recital, uncertainty or imperfection in these Our Letters.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.



WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster.

BY WARRANT UNDER THE QUEEN'S SIGN MANUAL

