

## **Amendment to the Constitution to Update Quorum Requirements – May 2021**

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The ongoing impact of COVID-19 on the number of members renewing their membership at Maghull & Lydiate U3A over the last two years has seen a drastic reduction in numbers, due in part to the continuing uncertainties surrounding the Pandemic.

Because we had to postpone the 2020 AGM and resume it this year, fortunately we will remain quorate as a result of clause 15iii of the Constitution irrespective of the numbers attending. Unfortunately in coming years with the distinct possibility of reduced membership renewals we may struggle to meet the existing requirement that one hundred members must be present at a General Meeting to be quorate.

It is therefore proposed to change the number of members present at a General Meeting [Clause 15] or Special General Meeting [Clause 14], for the meeting to be quorate, from one hundred members or 20 percent of members respectively, to Ten Percent of Members present at a meeting. This will allow the Association flexibility and a degree of security to meet this requirement.

As this amendment could help facilitate the smooth operation of the 2022 AGM and in-deed future meetings, it is requested that if approved, that the amendment be implemented immediately rather than waiting for confirmation in 2022, which would be self-defeating. The proposal recommends the following amendment to the Constitution:

### **CHANGES TO CLAUSES 15ii and 14**

<b>Proposed Clause Wording</b>	<b>Existing Clause Wording</b>
<b>15ii.</b> There shall be a quorum of at least <b>10% of</b> members of The U3A present at any General Meeting.	<b>15ii.</b> There shall be a quorum of at least <b>100</b> members of The U3A present at any General Meeting.
<b>14.</b> There shall be a quorum when at least <b>10% of</b> the members are present.	<b>14.</b> There shall be a quorum when at least <b>20%</b> of the members are present.

**The resolution before Members today, is to approve the amendment to the Constitution which will allow a General Meeting or Special General Meeting Quorum to be permanently set at Ten Percent of the Membership to be present.**