World Heritage UK Annual General Meeting 2019

Monday 9th October 2019

Agenda Item 7: Membership Fees

Background
Since the formation of World Heritage UK in 2015, membership fees have increased once, linked with a revised membership structure. In accordance with the Constitution (Clause 5a), this increase, following the recommendation from the Board, was agreed at the AGM in 2017 for implementation from 2018/19. The principle of this had been previously agreed at a General Meeting of Members in New Lanark in July 2017, with the caveat that the fees should be fixed for two years. Therefore, with no increase in 2019/20, there is now a need to review fees for 2020/21.

Proposal
At the Board meeting in July, it was agreed that any proposed increase should be limited to be solely inflationary for the coming year, particularly bearing in mind that the HLF Resilience project may be recommending an alternative membership model in the future. It was felt that an inflation only increase can be easily justified and is reasonable for Members.

Inflation in 2018/19 was 2.1% and is likely to be similar in 2019/20. Therefore it was felt that an increase in fees of 4% to 5% (variation due to rounding) is justifiable for Voting Members and Associates. The Board also felt that a more realistic fee of £30 should be applied to the Individual category for renewals or new memberships from April 2020, bearing in mind that less than this is received by WHUK from those who use Paypal.

Therefore it is proposed that the new fees structure for 2020/21 should be:

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<th>Membership Category</th>
<th>Current Rate 2019/20</th>
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Recommendation
That the AGM agrees to the recommendation of the Board that:

i) The membership fees for 2020/21 will be as set out in the table above

ii) All Voting and Associate Members are informed of this decision in writing following the AGM, to assist with budget planning.

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