

London FA AGM 2020 #2 – Detailed arrangements for London FA AGM 2020

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Due to COVID-19, the London FA AGM at 1830 (6.30 pm) on Monday 23rd November 2020 will not happen in the usual way and will have a similar format to our London FA EGM in May 2020. The AGM will be held at London FA HQ, Unit 11, Hurlingham Business Park, Sullivan Road, London SW6 3DU.

Given the current restrictions and possible developments it may not be lawful in November to have a meeting with more than 6 (six) people present in the same place in person. We also believe that some members would not be able to attend because of health restrictions or would not feel it was safe to do so. We are therefore not inviting any members to join us in person but, as we did for our successful EGM in May this year, inviting all members to join us remotely by using Teams.

The meeting will take place with four members who are also directors present in person (at a safe distance) and with our Chief Executive also present at a safe distance to act as Secretary. All other members (including other board and council members) will be linked remotely to the meeting and able to participate fully in the meeting, except that only those present at the meeting will be able to vote at the meeting, either for themselves or for those for whom they have been given proxies.

If you wish to take part on the day in this year's crucial AGM on 23 November 2020, and we very much hope you do, please confirm your attendance by email to Paul Bickerton, our CEO, **by 20 November 2020 at the latest**, by emailing Paul.Bickerton@londonfa.com. A Microsoft Teams calendar invite will then be sent to you, with clear joining instructions. A test will also be set up prior to the AGM, for members wishing to check their connection and familiarise themselves with the process.

Whether or not you can take part on the day, if you wish to vote on motions or resolutions you can vote by proxy, by asking one of the members who is attending in person to cast your proxy vote for you. You will need to name which of the members who will be present you wish to vote for you. These are James Middlehurst, our Chair; Ian Wallis, Deputy Chair; Ali Morgan, Independent Finance & Risk Director and Simon Hughes, Senior Independent Director. Each member who returns a proxy vote form will be asked to follow instructions on the form very carefully but crucially you will be able to state in relation to each motion or resolution whether you wish your proxy to support, oppose or abstain. Proxy vote forms will be emailed to members with these papers and available to download from the London FA website and must then be emailed or posted to Paul Bickerton to arrive by noon on **23 November 2020 at the latest** (email and postal address above).

In order to improve this system for future meetings when we may again not be able all to meet together or may choose to arrange remote participation, we are bringing proposals to this AGM to change our Articles to allow the Board, with the agreement of Council, to decide that any future general meetings and Council meetings can take place remotely, and provided that confidentiality and security can be guaranteed, to allow remote voting at future general and Council meetings. Please support these proposals.

This AGM is being called by a postal mailing (which we are still obliged to do) to all members except those who have previously given their agreement to receiving general meeting notices by email. If you are willing to receive future general meetings mailings by email rather than post, please inform the Chief Executive by email on Paul.Bickerton@londonfa.com.

A paper is enclosed with this mailing to give members notice of the general nature of the AGM business which relates to proposed changes to London FA Articles (London FA AGM 2020 #7).

Paul Bickerton
London FA Chief Executive, October 2020