

## **AGM AGENDA ITEM 6: Amendment to the Object Clause of the Constitution**

Following consultation with the Charity Commissioners, the Third Age Trust has asked all U3As to consider rewording their constitution's 'Object Clause' to ensure that each is in full compliance with the requirements of the Charity Commission, both now and in the future.

This is our current Object Clause:

*(i) To advance the education of the public and in particular the education of older people no longer in full time gainful employment in Faringdon and its surrounding locality.*

*(ii) The provision of facilities for leisure time and recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the above persons in the interests of their social welfare.*

We have been advised by the Trust that our existing object clause is fully compliant with the requirements of the Charity Commission for our current activities. The Committee feels, however that, for 'future proofing', we should change our Object Clause to that suggested by the Trust which has been written following the Trust's consultation with the Charity Commissioners and is as follows:

*The advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people and those who are retired from full time work by all means, including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development.*

The wording of the proposed clause maps almost exactly onto our existing clause. The additional words 'by all means' means that we would continue to be fully compliant with the Charity Commissioners requirements should our activities change in the future. The inclusion of the words 'personal development' also indicates the wide diversity of activities that can be undertaken.

Paragraph 16(i) of our Constitution states "the Constitution may be altered by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the members present and voting at a General Meeting." Your Committee is unanimous in its view that the new Object Clause should be adopted and recommends your acceptance of this change.