

FOSRO DRAFT REVISED CONSTITUTION

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- All references to the “the Suffolk Record Office” have been amended to read “Suffolk Archives” in line with their rebranding.
- Subject to agreement at the October AGM, all references to “Friends of the Suffolk Record Office” have been amended to “Friends of Suffolk Archives”.
- PARAGRAPH 3: We are proposing to delete the Corporate Member category. We only have a handful of corporate members and we would like, instead, to encourage individual membership for those who belong to our corporate members.
- PARAGRAPH 4: When FOSRO was founded, it was intended that the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, as Custos Rotulorum, should be ex officio President of the organisation. Since then, when a new Lord Lieutenant has been appointed, the Committee has invited them to be President. We intend to continue this custom and so propose that the appointment be merely ratified at the Annual General Meeting after any such new appointment.
- PARAGRAPH 5: This proposed change means that Vice Presidents need only be elected once. They would remain as Vice Presidents until they wished to step down.
- PARAGRAPH 6: We would like to expand the range of specific committee roles, to spread the workload more evenly amongst the committee members. We would also like the flexibility to have more committee members. In line with current common practice, we also propose moving to gender-neutral terminology.
- PARAGRAPH 8: We are proposing to introduce more flexibility in finding a date the AGM. The proposed ten months reflects the need to submit our audited, approved annual accounts to the Charity Commission by the end of October each year.
- PARAGRAPH 9: Our proposed changes in wording allows for internet banking in the future, as well as reflecting that we hold more than one bank account.
- PARAGRAPH 13: This change formalises an existing practice by which we are encouraging members to receive communications from us by email instead of by post, where possible.