

ODFAA News 02/06/2020

Dear Members

It probably seems half a lifetime ago, but at the last Allotment Liaison Meeting in January we proposed the idea of providing some smaller group sessions that would be part training, part Q&A, covering the issues and options confronting committees in deciding the future constitutional arrangements in preparation for the new OCC Lease agreement.

To restate the three key elements that we all need to address: -

1. Do we **(a)** remain as Unincorporated Associations – which means a continuation of the current use of nominal ‘trustees’ as signatories to the Lease? Or, do we opt for one of the two most likely forms of [incorporated organisation](#); **(b)** a Cooperative Society or a **(c)** Private Limited Company?
2. What more do we need to know about the pros and cons of the three options (a, b, or c above) in order to share evidence and thinking with our Association members and make a decision that is right for us?
3. What will be entailed in running either of the two new constitutional forms, and are there new skills we will need to learn or bring onto our committees to keep us within the regulations?

Some may have a good enough grasp of the issues already; some may have got additional information from other sources. However, we are still happy to try and provide support for people in answering these (and probably other) questions. However the current restrictions and social distancing requirements mean we can only approach this in ‘virtual’ mode.

The new ODFAA Committee discussed this and consider that it is certainly possible to do this **for up to two committee members** from each Association and probably running a number of repeat sessions to keep numbers to a workable level for each session.

To start with we would be grateful if you send a response to the section below ASAP (but no later than 12th June) so we can see likely numbers and begin to plan arrangements and timing. We would suggest setting aside about 90mins for a session as a rough guide.

Please click to check the appropriate box below

	Yes	No
We need a session covering all three of the key elements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We need a session only covering 2 & 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We need a session only covering 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are specific issues/questions we need help with (Please add these in the box below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Questions/Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• .• .		
We have access to SKYPE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We have access to ZOOM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We could join a session by phone (sound only)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our Association is: (Add name)		
Those attending would be: (Add names and position)		

Thank you for completing – please return to John Lardner at johnplardner@hotmail.com by June 12th

