

# MEMBER GUIDE TO THE BU RULES REVISION 2021

STRENGTHENED, UPDATED, MODERNISED.  
VIRTUAL MEETINGS EXPLICITLY ALLOWED,  
THINGS WE DON'T DO, REMOVED



The BU "area" is now the same as our "Special Share" BFC board position area

The BU Objects now reflect what BU means today, 20 years on

A stronger Community Benefit Purpose is added

A new member definition reflects our data protection obligations

Member meetings - simplified, modernised - virtual meetings allowed. Accessible to all UK & overseas members

References to an "Executive Board" are removed but we add the power to create one if needed

The BU "Seal" - All these rules and references, removed because we have no seal!

120 Rules - reduced to 84.

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BU RULES CHAPTER HEADING	CURRENT RULE NO.	WHAT IS THE RULE ABOUT	HAS THE RULE BEEN CHANGED	NEW RULE NO.
OUR NAME	1	Name of Society and where it operates	"THE BU AREA" The same as BFC Arts. of Assoc. Hounslow/Ealing/Richmond Hillingdon & Spelthorne removed	1
COMMUNITY BENEFIT PURPOSE		Community Benefit Purpose	Rule strengthened	2 (OLD 5)
OBJECTS	2	Objects	Several Additions	3 (INC OLD 6)
POWERS	3 4 5 6	Investing in another entity BU Powers Benefit of the community Discrimination	NO CHANGE Clauses added from other rules DELETED DELETED	4 5 MOVED TO 2 MOVED TO 3
PROFITS	7	Application of profits	NO CHANGE	6
MEMBERSHIP OF BU	8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	Definition of a BU Member Original BU members Definition of a BU Member Members have one share each Online member application form Hon. Membership added Ages of members Corporate members - deputies	CHANGES DELETED CHANGES NO CHANGES CHANGES CHANGES - The Rasmus addition CHANGES CHANGES	7 DELETED 8 9 10 11 12 DELETED
SHARES	16 17 18 19	Shares in BU	NO CHANGES	13 14 15 16
MEMBER REMOVAL	20 21	Removal of a Member Member removal	CHANGES CHANGES	17 18
ORGANISATION	22	General Organisation	NO CHANGE	19

MEMBER'S RIGHTS AND POWERS	23 24 25	under statute resolutions The functions of the AGM	NO CHANGE	20 21 22
DUTIES OF THE BOARD	26	Duties	NO CHANGE	23
THE EXECUTIVE BOARD	27 28 29	Deleted - replaced by the power to create an Exec Board If needed	POWER TO CREATE AN EXECUTIVE BOARD IS NOW IN RULE 5	DELETED DELETED DELETED
SECRETARY	30	Secretary role	ADDITIONS ONLY	24
GENERAL MEETINGS AND PROXY VOTES	31 32	AGM timing Meeting requested by members	NO CHANGE SOME CHANGE	25 26
	RULES 33-51	Member Meetings Arrangements for running BU member meetings (AGM's and SGM's)	RULES 33 - 51 MERGED INTO NEW NO'S 27, 28, 29, 30	27 28 29 30
	52 53	General General	NO CHANGE	31 32
	54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62	Running the Board etc	NO CHANGE	33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41
BU BOARD MEETINGS	63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71	Electing the chair Board etc / Exec chair Calling meetings Virtual meetings Special advisors General	NO CHANGE DELETED  NO CHANGE  DELETED NO CHANGE MINOR CHANGE	42 DELETED 43 44 45 46 DELETED 47 48
		General		
COMMITTEES OF THE BU BOARD	72 73	Committees of the Board Committees of the Board	NO CHANGE (Moved to 5.) NO CHANGE (Moved to 5.)	MOVED TO 5 MOVED TO 5
EXECUTIVE BOARD	75 76 77 78 79 80 81	Deleted Replaced by the power to create an Exec Board If needed	The power to create an Executive Board is now in Rule 5	DELETED
AUDITING BU ACCOUNTS	82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90	Audit	NO CHANGE	49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57
PERFORMANCE AUDIT	91	Audit	NO CHANGE	58
ANNUAL RETURNS	92 93	Annual returns Annual returns	NO CHANGE	59 60
AMENDING BU RULES	94 95 96	Amendment of Rules	NO CHANGE	61 62 63 64
		PROTECTING RULES AT THE HEART OF BU	NEW	
CHANGING THE CONSTITUTION	97	Amalgamation or transfer	NO CHANGE	65

INVESTING AND BORROWING	98 99 100	Investing & borrowing	NO CHANGE	66 67 68
DISSOLUTION OF BU	101 102	Dissolution	NO CHANGE	69 70
INDEMNITY	103 104	Indemnification	NO CHANGE DELETED	71 DELETED
MISCELLANEOUS AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES	105	Misc	NO CHANGE	72
	106	Rules changes		73
	107	Minute taking	MINOR CHANGE	74
	108	Seal	DELETED	DELETED
	109	Registers at the registered office		75
	110	Data protn. - e-registers		76
	111	Misc		77
	112	Accounts	NO CHANGE	78
	113	Inspection		79
	114	Copies of rules		80
	115	Change of BU address		81
	116	Name of society on seal	DELETED	DELETED
117	Display of registered name	NO CHANGE	82	
118	Misc		83	
DISPUTE RESOLUTION	119 120	DISPUTES	NEW RIGHT OF APPEAL ADDED DELETED	84 MOVED TO 84