

The Society for the relief of the Destitute Sick at Edinburgh

City of Edinburgh Council

1 May 2008

1 Purpose of report

- 1.1 To update members on the Society for the relief of the Destitute Sick at Edinburgh ("the Society"), further to a Council decision at a meeting on 22 November 2008.

2 Main report

- 2.1 The Society was founded in 1785 and formally established by Seal of Cause dated 20 October 1813 by the then Magistrates of the City of Edinburgh. It is now governed by the Rules ("the Rules") adopted by the then directors of the Society on 9 June 1981.
- 2.2 In 2007, the current directors of the Society ("the Directors"), together with its members, proposed to amend the rules in such a way as to significantly reduce administration costs and thereby increase the funds available in application for charitable purposes.
- 2.3 Rule 16 provides that any alteration of the Rules requires to be approved by the members of the Society and ratified by the District and Regional Council. The City of Edinburgh Council is regarded as the successor organisation for the purposes of Rule 16.
- 2.4 At a meeting of the Council on 22 November 2007, the Council ratified the adoption by the Society of the alterations to the Rules as proposed by the Directors.
- 2.5 The Council instructed the Director of Corporate Services to liaise with the Directors of the Society to discuss options for the winding up of the Society and dispersal of the its remaining funds to an organisation with related charitable aims.
- 2.6 The Directors of the Society have indicated that they do not wish to pursue options for the winding up of the Society.

2.7 The Council's only remit as regards the Society is a historic entitlement to ratify alterations to the Rules and it has no remit to involve itself in either the day-to-day or future actings of the Society.

3 Financial Implications

3.1 There are no financial implications for the Council. The Council is not obliged to provide any funding or other resources for the Society.

4 Recommendation

4.1 To note the report.



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Appendix	None
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Wards affected	None
Background Papers	Act of Council No 14 of 22 November 2007