

BESTT The Boiler and Engineering Skills Training Trust

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To: Members, Directors and former Members and Directors of BESTT

This is to advise you of an Extraordinary General Meeting, as provided for in Article 2 of the BESTT Articles of Association, to be held at The Model Railway Club, Keen House, 4 Calshot St, London N1 9DA at 12 midday on 14 July to consider the following 2 resolutions. These resolutions are recommended for approval by the BESTT Board of Directors:

- (i) That BESTT (Company no 5677191 and Charity no 1153592) seek Charity Commission approval to convert the BESTT Charitable Company to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO);
- (ii) That BESTT (Company no 5677191 and Charity no 1153592) adopts the association model constitution as set out for CIOs by the Charity Commission.

Any member or authorised representative is welcome to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting, at which voting is open to current Members and Directors, but **you must notify BESTT by 6 July to ensure access to the meeting**. If you would like to contribute comments in writing for consideration, please send to newtonboilers@aol.com or to the address above.

Background to the Resolutions

BESTT was incorporated as a Companies Act Company in 2006, reflecting the original intention to provide training as part of an ongoing boilermaker business. Over time BESTT became focussed solely on training and achieved charitable status for this purpose in 2013. BESTT continues to provide training via a range of short courses and more details are available on its website www.bestt.org.uk

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) model provided by the Charity Commission <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/change-your-charity-structure> offers BESTT the opportunity to simplify its reporting and governance arrangements. Subject to approval by the Charity Commission, the current Charitable Company would be replaced by a CIO. By opting for the CIO Association model constitution, the governance of BESTT would continue as now with a Board of Directors elected by members on a 3 year rotation. The BESTT name is unaffected.

Gordon Newton

Chairman of BESTT

28 May 2026