

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP FRAMEWORK

There are a great number of business leaders and other organisations who we believe would be interested in joining Rotary, but through pressure of work cannot commit sufficient time for total involvement. There may be a number of organisations, small or large who want to get involved, as it fits in with their ethos of commitment and responsibility within the local community.

This Framework is designed to contain how Corporate membership will work at the Rotary Club of Sowerby Bridge and to provide guidelines on how the membership will operate alongside Individual membership.

Corporate membership is designed for all sizes of business however it is noted that smaller companies and / or sole traders, this may not be appropriate as there would be no benefit to the business. Careful consideration by the business owner as to whether individual membership may be a better option for them.

Further it should be noted, there is no requirement for a Corporate entity to have the full entitlement of designees.

Voting rights

- 1.1 Each business may nominate up to 4 designees who can attend meetings.
- 1.2 One of the four designees is to have authority from the business to make decisions on behalf of the business.
- 1.3 There is one vote on behalf of the business in the event there is a club vote.

2 Fees

- 2.1 There is one annual fee on behalf of the business, which covers up to the four designees.
- 2.2 This fee is made up of
 - a. One annual fee for RI & RGBI (currently £70)
 - b. One District levy (currently £10)
 - c. Club levy to cover the four designees
 - d. Cost of name badges
- 2.3 The annual fee is to be reviewed annually

3 Members

- 3.1 The business is checked for its ethical standards and what it does for the community to ensure it fits with the ethos of RCoSB.
- 3.2 Proposed designees are to visit the club prior to becoming a designee
- 3.3. Upon proposal of a designee, a 7 day letter is sent to members of the club when proposed for the business with the proposed designee(s).
- 3.4 Also, upon proposal, an Introduction to the Club is arranged with the Information Committee.
- 3.5 The designees are inducted into the Club at the same time at one meeting.
- 3.6 Each designee can be part of the different committees, however they cannot hold any office or become a convenor.
- 3.7 Should there be a change in designee, a 7 day letter is required for any change of designees, and the new proposed designee to start this process described above.
- 3.8 One of the designees is entered onto the Rotary database as the corporate member, and the remaining three designees are entered onto the Rotary database as honorary members.

4. Clothing and insignia

4.1 The club is to organise badges for each designee with the classification of the business.

4.2 Any other clothing can be bought through the club.

5. Attendance

5.1 Commitment is 50% of meetings or 11 hours' worth of Rotary business per quarter

5.2 Should a designee intend to attend a meeting they should contact the attendance officer to notify them of their attendance.

6. Conflicts of interest

6.1 Should there be any conflict of interest which arises, the Corporate Member, through their designees, should raise this as soon as is reasonable practicable.

7. Data protection and compliance

7.1 A Corporate Member is obliged to comply with all applicable District Protection Policies with respect to programs and activities of the club that involve youth and vulnerable adults. It is the responsibility of the club to ensure that all Friends of Rotary are aware of their legal obligations under the relevant legislation and their obligations under the applicable District Policies.

7.2 Any contact details the designees come into possession with should not be used outside of the realms of Rotary business and not passed on to other areas of the Corporate members business without explicit consent of the Rotarian.

7.3 The Corporate member, through a nominated designee, will be included in the members contact list, on the strict understanding, the members list is used for contacting other Rotarians for Rotary business or Rotary related business.