

CMCC Elections Announcement

On the **9th of October 2019**, the Election Committee received a copy of the original Constitution of CMCC (submitted to the Charity Commission on the 06th April 1997) from Brother Ramazan (Acting Chairman). After adequate verification of the document, It is our duty to uphold the current constitution to the best of our ability, in a practical and rational way. **We are pleased to announce a brief plan for the election process.**

Ideally, constitution of charities and organisations should develop, adapt and should strive to be constitutionally compliant at all times, however this has not been the case for CMCC. It is important to understand and recognise these are challenging and difficult times, and we really appreciate your patience and understanding. After seeking advice from several independent sources including the '**Muslim Council of Britain**', we have reached a practical and logical solution to hold independent, transparent and fair elections.

1. **Membership:**

The constitution states in Section B Article 4 (ii) "*In order for a person to be entitled to vote, she/he should be a registered member of the CMCC*". To date, there has been no mechanism put in place for an up-to-date process to maintain a register for the community members. In line with present day legislation, any personal data collected and stored, should be subject to GDPR regulations. The Election committee has requested the Trustees to approve and adopt GDPR policy to ensure that registration process is reviewed, updated and is GDPR compliant with UK Legislation. Submission of Registration applications will be made available online:

Between Friday 25th of October 2019 and Tuesday 19th of November 2019 11:59pm.

Please visit the mosque website (www.canterburymosque.co.uk) and follow the link on the home page.

2. **Executive Committee Elections:**

Section C Article 7 (iv) states: There should be six members in the Executive Committee. President, General Secretary, Treasurer and The Assistant Treasurer: These 4 members should be residents of Canterbury or its surroundings. There are two other positions: Vice-President and Assistant General Secretary.

3. **Board of Trustees (Advisory Elections)**

There is a clear conflict in Constitution of 1997 regarding the election for the Trustees. The election committee proposes to hold an Advisory Election of the Trustees on the same day, in order to facilitate, guide and suggest a possible course of action to the new Executive Committee.

Once the Trustees have been elected by the public, It is entirely within the newly elected Executive Committee's discretion to take into account the results of the Trustee advisory election. Please be aware that the Executive Committee might or might not want to take into account the results of the advisory election.

4. **Nomination Forms for the Executive Committee and The Board of Trustees**

Submission of Nomination applications will be made available online:

Between Friday 25th of October 2019 and Friday 15th of November 2019 11:59pm.

Please note that all nominees should send both Registration application and Nomination application.

Please visit the mosque website (www.canterburymosque.co.uk) and follow the link on the home page.

Nominees can only nominate themselves for either Trustee or Executive Committee member and NOT BOTH.

5. **Election Officer (Election committee):** The 4 members will continue towards holding the elections in the proposed timeline. Sister Ayesha will be the assigned election officer.

6. **Elections Day (EGM) :** The elections will be held on **Saturday 23rd of November 2019.**

- a. **10:00AM to 11:00AM:** The nominees should attend and present their manifesto. Current trustees /committee to present annual report.
- b. **10:00AM to 04:00PM:** Voting
- c. **04:00PM to 06:00PM:** Counting the votes and announcing the results.

Independent Election Committee

Canterbury, 24th of October 2019

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