



## Changing RGSC to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

**RGSC members are asked to delegate Council to investigate setting up a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and, if appropriate, carry out the steps necessary to set up a CIO ready for formal approval at the February 2022 AGM.**

RGSC is an unincorporated charity – so the Trustees (the seven Council members) are individually responsible and liable for its undertakings. The RGSC owns valuable material and leases the Old Fire Station, Penzance and therefore we are advised by our solicitor that we should be an incorporated organisation. The most appropriate form of governance is to set up a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) so that responsibility is vested in the organisation rather than individual trustees. A CIO is a Charity, and reports to the Charity Commission. The ‘Association’ CIO model has members who vote on decisions in the same way as the current constitution of the RGSC. An unincorporated charity, such as RGSC, cannot ‘metamorphose’ directly into a CIO. We need to set up the CIO in parallel to the current RGSC charity and then move the business of RGSC into the new CIO.

