

## ALTERATIONS FROM PREVIOUS CONSTITUTION DATED 21 MAY 2008

### 3. OBJECTS

(i) to advance the education of the public and in particular the education of older people no longer in full time gainful employment in WHITLEY BAY and its surrounding locality.

### 4. POWERS

(x) power to participate in and assist in the development of area and regional groupings of U3A's

### 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(i) Honorary Officers

At the Annual General Meeting of The U3A the members shall elect from amongst themselves a chairman, a vice-chairman or vice-chairmen, a secretary and a treasurer who shall hold office from the conclusion of that meeting.

(ii) Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of not less than 5 and not more than 10 members being:

a. the honorary officers specified in the preceding clause

b. not less than 1 and not more than 6 members elected at the Annual General Meeting who shall hold office from the conclusion of that meeting.

(iii) The Executive Committee may in addition appoint not more than 2 co-opted members who shall have full voting rights and have tenure until next Annual General Meeting.

(iv) Persons who need not be members may be invited by the Executive Committee to serve because of their special expertise. They shall have no voting rights and their term of service shall expire at the next Annual General Meeting.

(v) Vacancies on the Executive Committee which arise through resignation or termination during the year can be filled from the membership and such an appointee shall complete the term of service of the member he or she is replacing and shall be eligible for re-election in the prescribed manner at the next Annual General Meeting.

(vii) c. Is absent without permission of the executive committee, from 3 consecutive committee meetings (or 3 general meetings).

### 7. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(i) and (ii) combined

(iii) Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall serve for a term of two years only and may not hold office for more than two consecutive terms without an intervening period of at least one year off the committee, except that a retiring vice-chairman may stand immediately for the post of Chairman. Treasurer and secretary shall serve for a term of two years and may be nominated for a further term of two years (i.e. four years in all), and then must stand down for a period of at least one year off the committee.

## 8. MEETINGS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(vii) The Executive Committee may from time to time make and alter rules for the conduct of their business, the summoning and conduct of their meetings and custody of documents. No rule may be made which is inconsistent with this constitution.

## 9. FINANCE

(i) The funds of The U3A, including all donations, contributions and bequests, shall be paid into an account operated by the Executive Committee in the name of The U3A at such bank as the Executive Committee shall from time to time decide. All cheques drawn on the account must be signed by at least 2 Executive Committee members.

## 12. ANNUAL REPORT

The Executive Committee shall comply with their obligations under the Charities Act 1993 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that act) with regard to the preparation of an annual return and its transmission to the Commission.