

From the South Wales Chamber of Commerce Articles of Association

AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE SOUTH WALES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Principal Objects

The objects ("the principal objects") for which the Chamber is established are the promotion of commerce enterprise industry trade services transport and education in South Wales and elsewhere within the United Kingdom and anything incidental to or conducive to any of those objects and in furtherance of the principal objects the Chamber shall have the following express powers:

- (a) to promote commerce enterprise industry trade services transport and education and in that connection to foster advance and protect commercial industrial trade and professional enterprises and (without limitation) other activities and business undertakings of all kinds in the locality referred to above and elsewhere in the United Kingdom;
- (b) to seek admission to and become a member of the BCC and seek relevant accreditation therefrom;
- (c) to provide and develop business services to members and others and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing):
 - (i) to collect analyse or disseminate information (including statistics and other economic and business information) on all subjects of interest to members,
 - (ii) to act as training agents and to provide educational and industrial courses including higher educational advisory services such as training needs analysis, and management export and training consultancy,
 - (iii) to promote organise and participate in internal trade,
 - (iv) to encourage establish and support employment initiatives and initiatives for the start-up of businesses and enterprises,
 - (v) to undertake such activities as may from time to time be required by the BCC for accreditation purposes.
- (d) to represent in the United Kingdom and elsewhere, the collective interests views and opinions of the members, and stimulate interest in and promote support or oppose any legislation or policies (whether local, municipal, regional, national or international) affecting the interests of commerce enterprise industry trade services transport and education;
- (e) to promote high standards of business and the recognition and use of national and international standards;
- (f) to provide a means of securing business involvement, corporately and individually, in the local community or communities, to develop business links with and between enterprises and authorities, to develop and foster working relationships both within and outside the locality that will achieve the greatest prosperity for the locality and its people and to stimulate public awareness of business interest;

- (g) to undertake and arrange for the settlement of disputes by arbitration and conciliation and alternative dispute procedures or otherwise.
- (h) to seek to attain all or any of the principal objects by united action with other Chambers of Commerce and Industry and BCC or other bodies in those cases where it appears that united action may ease the accomplishment of a particular object.

In furtherance of the principal objects but not otherwise the Chamber shall also have power:-

- (a) to purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real and personal estate which may appear convenient;
- (b) construct, maintain and alter any houses, buildings or installations;
- (c) to accept any gift of property, whether subject to any special trust or not, for any purpose with the principal objects;
- (d) to take such steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise as may seem expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Chamber;
- (e) to print and publish and sell any newspapers, periodicals, books, leaflets or computer programmes electronic data and other works and publications and to produce and market films and other audio or visual aids;
- (f) to sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property of the Chamber;
- (g) to borrow and raise money and secure its repayment in any manner;
- (h) to invest the funds of the Chamber in or upon such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit;
- (i) to undertake and execute any trusts or any agency business which may seem conducive to any of the principal objects;
- (j) to establish and support, and to aid in the establishment and support of, any other association formed to promote all or any of the principal objects;
- (k) to amalgamate with any companies, institutions, societies or associations having objects wholly or in part similar to those of the Chamber;
- (l) to purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of any body with which the Chamber is authorised to amalgamate;
- (m) to transfer all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of the Chamber to any body with which the Chamber is authorised to amalgamate;
- (n) to do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the pursuit or to the attainment of any of the principal objects.