**Extraordinary General Meeting of The Centre for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People**

**Explanation notes**

This EGM has been called because the Constitution of the Centre was not good enough and needed to be changed. We would like you to come to the important EGM on Monday 4th December at 6pm at the Vassall Centre. There will be refreshments.

Here are the main changes:

The name

Centre for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People (CfD). We are already using CfD in our publicity and information.

The Objects (aim)

The object of the charity is the relief of those people who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Bristol and its surrounding areas.

The Structure

We will become an *Incorporated Organisation,* which is more secure for members and trustees.

At least half the Trustees must be Deaf or Hard of Hearing (minimum of 50%)

What has not changed

We will still be a *membership* organisation and the members will still be able to say what they want.

A new charity

Because we are making changes to the *Name*, the *Object*, and the *Structure*, the Charity Commission have said that we must set up a new charity and close the old charity. The new charity “Centre for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People” has been set up as a registered charity. (number:1175054).

The only resolution at the EGM will be to close the “Centre for Deaf People” charity and transfer all the assets to the new charity.