

Proposed New Rules for Canterbury Tech

A draft of our society's proposed new rules (our constitution) is to be adopted at our AGM on 2 December 2025.

These updates are essential to ensure our society can reregister under the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and can continue to operate effectively.

Background to the Changes

The Incorporated Societies Act 2022 introduces a more modern framework for the governance and operation of incorporated societies. To comply with this new legislation, all societies are required to review and update their governing rules and reregister by 5 April 2026. Our committee, supported by Parry Field Lawyers, has worked to draft a new constitution that aligns with these legal requirements while preserving the core purpose and values of our society.

Summary of Key Amendments

The proposed changes are designed to enhance clarity, improve governance, and ensure long-term compliance. The table below highlights the most significant areas of change.

Area of Change	Brief Description of the Proposed Update
Society's Purpose	The society's objectives are now more clearly defined to meet the new statutory requirements.
Membership	Procedures for joining, resigning, or being removed from the society have been clarified. The requirement for members to consent to joining is now formalised.

Officer Duties	The roles, responsibilities, and duties of the society's officers (the committee) are explicitly defined, similar to duties in company law.
Governance & Meetings	Procedures for calling and conducting general meetings, including voting protocols, have been updated to align with modern practices.
Dispute Resolution	A formal, fair, and effective internal process for resolving disputes between members, or between members and the society, has been introduced as required by the Act.
Financial Reporting	The requirements for financial record-keeping and reporting have been updated to reflect the standards set out in the new legislation.