

WHY THE PROPOSED RULES CHANGES?

There has not been a comprehensive review of the rules for many years. In some cases the objects and the language seemed dated.

These are the main proposed changes: –

- There have been many changes to local government boundaries over the years. The consequence has been that the SRA's boundaries no longer coincide with those of Shortlands Ward; indeed, the SRA area now includes parts of three LBB wards.

Many residents affected by such changes have wished to retain their established loyalties to, and identification with, the SRA. The new rules allow membership to be extended to non-residents.

- The old rules did not identify the responsibilities of officers of the Executive and these are now spelled out.
- To extend the named officers of the Executive to reflect the current, broader scope of the Association's activities. For example, a new title of Communications Officer. This is important as we develop a new website and we also wanted to emphasise liaison with the police.
- The Secretary's role includes a specific responsibility for data protection. This follows the General Data Protection Regulation and the fact that data protection is now a major concern, especially if we are to communicate more by e-mail.
- Previously we had no clause dealing with the dissolution of the Association.

It will be an agenda item at the AGM that the new draft rules are approved.