

Restricted Fund Reorganisation – Summary of Application

Introduction to Proposed Scheme

West Fife Trinity Church of Scotland (SC010676) has applied to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) for approval of a restricted funds reorganisation scheme for the variation or removal of any condition imposed on the charity in relation to the use of the restricted funds under section 43A of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act).

The Saline Restoration Fund was created to carry out fabric work on the church building in Saline. In 2013 the Restoration Fund was created to deal with dry rot in the church building. Members of the church and the local community raised funds for the work to be carried out.

Reasons for reorganisation

From 1 January 2026 the church at Saline & Blairingone became part of a union of West Fife Trinity Parish Church. There are no plans to use the church building for worship in the future and so the trustees wish to transfer the Fund to general unrestricted funds to allow the trustees to use the funds in achieving its charitable aims in other areas.

Reorganisation conditions

The charity is applying for reorganisation because it considers that the following condition/s from Section 43A(2) of the 2005 Act apply:

- (a) That some or all of the purposes of the restricted funds:
 - ii. can no longer be given effect to (whether or not in accordance with the directions or spirit of the restricted funds' purposes)

The trustees suggest that this conditions is met because the church building is no longer in use and will be sold.

Reorganisation Outcome

The trustees suggest that the restricted fund reorganisation will enable the resources of the restricted fund to be applied to better effect for charitable purposes consistently with the charity's constitution.

The trustees suggest that this outcome is met because allowing the transfer of the Fund to the general funds will enable the trustees to use the funds to carry out its mission and other charitable objectives.

Donors

The trustees have declared that they have been unable to ascertain the wishes of the donors in respect of the restricted fund. This is because the Fund was made up of fundraising events and many individual donations from members and the local community over 13 years ago.

How to make a representation in relation to the proposed reorganisation scheme

Any person may make a representation to OSCR either supporting or opposing this proposed reorganisation scheme. Should you wish to make a representation, you may do so by writing to OSCR providing the following information:

- Your name and address (or email address)
- The name of the charity concerned
- The nature of the representation and reasons for it

These are the terms of Regulation 7 of the Charities Restricted Funds Reorganisation (Scotland) Regulations 2012.

Representations should be sent to OSCR by post or email

Postal: OSCR
2nd Floor Quadrant House
Riverside Drive
Dundee
DD1 4NY

Email: info@oscr.org.uk

Representations can be made up to 14 days following the end of the publication period. The latest date for the receipt of representations is 25 June 2026.

We cannot accept representations via social media channels.

Copies of any representations will be provided to the applicant charity for comment. If you do not wish the charity to be provided with your personal details, please indicate this in your representation.

Personal details will otherwise be disclosed to the applicant charity.

Please contact us by email or by telephone on 01382 220446 if you have any questions about the submission of a representation.

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