



COUNCIL AND TRUSTEESHIP

The Role of Council

Council is the governing body of the RHS with overall responsibility for the organisation including:

- The future direction of the charity
- Monitoring delivery and management of the RHS Strategy
- Management of the RHS's assets
- The performance of the RHS.

It is the guardian of the RHS's role as "learned Society".

Council's duty is to ensure that the RHS carries out its objects as

The Role of Members of Council

The RHS Council currently comprises 17 Members who also serve as the RHS's charitable trustees. This includes the President and Treasurer, both of whom serve as ex officio Members of Council.

Members of Council are responsible for all aspects of the RHS's affairs and for ensuring that the Society delivers public benefit. They also ensure that the RHS's income and property are used only for the purposes set out in the Charter and Bye-Laws and for no other purpose. Members of Council have a responsibility to act reasonably, proportionately and prudently in all matters relating to the RHS and to act in the best interests of the RHS at all times. The principle of collective responsibility applies.

Term of Office

Members of Council usually serve a term of

Liability

As a trustee, the role of a Member of Council is an extremely important one and carries both responsibilities and liabilities. A Member of Council has a duty to act in good faith and in the best interests of the RHS. It is important therefore that Members of Council avoid conflicts with their personal or other professional interests. Where a potential conflict of interest exists, Members of Council are required to declare that interest and,