

Appendix Six

Proposed processes for changing the scheme documents

The working group proposes a two step process for changing the scheme documents:

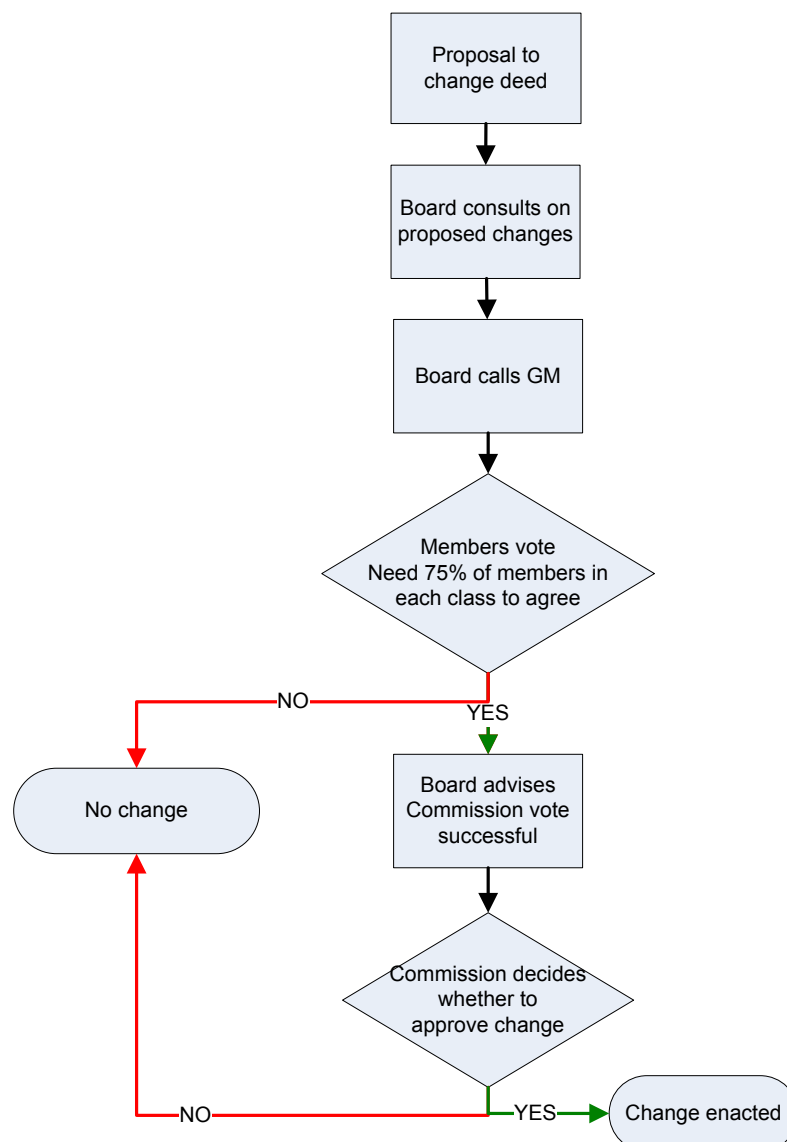
1. Changes to the deed
2. Changes to the rules, terms of reference, codes and dispute resolution protocols

The assessment criteria proposed by the regulators include the requirement that changes to the scheme documents are approved by the “overseeing entity”. The overseeing entity is to be comprised of equal members of member and consumer representatives, with an independent chair. This means the “overseeing entity” is the Commission.

1. Changes to the deed

The working group proposes members still retain primary responsibility for the content of the deed, with the Commission having the ability to approve or reject the changes once members have voted.

The deed contains the primary member responsibilities including the structure of the levies.



2. Changes to the rules, the terms of reference, the codes and the dispute resolution protocols

The working group proposes all of the schedules to the deed are subject to the same change process, and that the process be simplified to reduce complexity and cost. The Commission (as overseeing entity) is given the power to make changes to the schedules, after consultation with specified stakeholders. However, the voting on proposed changes is by unanimous vote, rather than a simple majority.

