

RCM report to Sussex Area

19/09/2018

Ralli Hall, Hove

Region was held in Manchester 8th-9th September 2018

I emailed a report to the Resources at UKRSC. (please see attached copy)

However, due to personal issues I was unable to be physically present at Region.

Thanks to the efforts of Resources and other members in attendance, we have been kept informed on many of the issues discussed. Region Minutes will follow during the next few days which will help to give a bigger picture.

These are some of the issues we ought to be giving some consideration to at Sussex Area.

UKSO:

This is a copy of emailed submission to all ASC's:

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Sent from UKNA Resources

Firstly the UKSO Ad-hoc report

<i>Vision UKSO Ad-hoc subcommittee.</i>	
Mission Synopsis:	Motion: To form an ad-hoc committee with the purpose of a feasibility study regarding location, function and future of UK service office.
	Intent: To have an accountable body that has the time needed to explore this in depth.
	Resource implications: (financial and/or human): None to start. Initial meetings would be held via Skype and research can be done online.
Report to RSC date:	July 2018
Meetings since the last report - Dates and attendance:	We have met as a committee four times so far, the latest meeting being Sunday 2 nd September
Committee:	Micky, Martina, Craig, Lisa N, Bonita
Positions vacant: (RCMs please report these at your ASC)	
General report:	Our initial findings: There will be four options available to Region <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. UKSO doesn't move.2. UKSO moves to a new location providing the same services as it does now.3. UKSO moves to a new location, with meeting space for UK subcommittees, Region and Archiving

	<p>4. Close the UKSO and use the European Service Office in Brussels.</p> <p>To help us flesh out these options, we will be requesting the support of RCM's and members in their respective area to help us find suitable offices. We have put together simple template outlining our requirements. It would help us if members could research properties in their areas and send their findings to the Vision Committee. We will give this out at the November Region.</p>
Problems/progress against specific objectives, requests or questions from Region:	<p>There are only five of us on the committee and we need 3 more people to do service with us.</p> <p>We need people who are able to commit to attending meetings every second Sunday and who want to get involved and be responsible for taking on some of the workload.</p>
Workshop preparations:	<i>None</i>
Highlights of communications with ASC and WSC committees:	<i>None</i>
Suggestions or recommendations to RSC:	<i>None</i>
Requests for guidance from RSC:	<i>None</i>
Financial report: Status and expenditures Request for funds	<i>None</i>
Meeting minutes provided to Resource?	None
Treasurer report provided to resource and region treasurer?	<i>None</i>

Subcommittee Meeting details:		Address:	Day and time:
Venue:	BlueJeans		10:00am Sunday
Contact	Email address	Telephone	Date
Chair			
Vice Chair			
Treasurer			

Looking at the above, General Report section: My personal position supports Options 1 and or 2.

Option 3: **NO**, I cannot see this as being practical. Option 4: **NO**.

This is what we are being asked to get involved with. It is not beyond the realms of possibility for a suitable location to be found somewhere in Sussex, that could meet most, if not all, of these requirements.

- Requirements for moving the current functions of the UKSO

Requirements	Essential
Location Name	
Office Size (Sq. footage)	500sq ft
Number of rooms	3 rooms (back office/storage/reception)
Parking	
Disability Access	Must have
Lease length	5 years
Lease terms:	

Break options	2-3yrs
Rent increases	None
Notice periods	6 months
Rent per annum	➤ £14000 PA.
Local Business Rates	TBC
Delivery Access	Must have
Internet	Must have 100Mb

2.Requirements for moving the UKSO with additional services and functionality.

Requirements	Non-Essential
Location Name	
Office Size (Sq. footage)	
Number of rooms	No Maximum
Parking	Nice to have
Disability Access	Must have
Lease length	5 years
Lease terms:	
Break options	2-3yrs
Rent increases	None
Notice periods	6 months
Rent per annum	More dependent on size and function
Local Business Rates	TBC
Delivery Access	Must have
Internet	Must have 100Mb
Good Transport links	Must have – Rail / Road / Public Transport.
Number or meetings in the area / Strong fellowship	Must have (ideally a city with strong NA fellowship)
Any other charges e.g. Service Charge	
Archiving space	Nice to have
Meeting space e.g. Committee meetings / adhoc / Region	Nice to have
Kitchen facilities (non-shared)	Nice to have.
Fully Serviced Office	For consideration
Free Hold	For consideration
Same day travel 4hrs	For consideration

However, I do not think that consideration of Free Hold is an appropriate requirement. I believe it would be in conflict with Tradition 6.

Regional Service Committee meeting – September 8-9th, 2018 – Action List

This was an extremely busy RSC meeting, attended by 21 RCMs both days

Action at Region:

Three motions were considered at Region and action will be undertaken as required. (see motions at end)

A CBDM workshop was held to support understanding participation in building a conscience, please access the resources sent through via email if you have any further questions.

UKCNA has been given their seed fund allocation and plans are progressing for the New Year's Eve fundraiser.

Channel Islands ASC made a bid for the March region and this was successful, we had an excellent experience supporting fellowship development in this ASC last time we went.

Action required by RCMs

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Website and Helpline have asked RCMs to consider whether they want shares to continue to be broadcast live from UKCNA.

Can RCMs please consider the [UKSO expense policy](#); and the [Distance Sponsorship guidelines](#) that will be brought for discussion/ratification at the November region.

An inventory ad Hoc committee has been formed, with members Faik, Rahman, and Andrew; they will send out the inventory questions shortly. There will be a centralised email address to return all responses. Please do so as soon as possible so that they may collate information for the September RSC meeting.

Complete Inventory and email responses.

Please see below:

Motions at the September RSC

Motion 05-18	Intent	Made/2nd	Resource implications	Action if any:
That all RCMs take back the following options to their ASCs in order to gather a conscience on which of these the RSC shall direct the UKSO subcommittee to action: Option 1 - £13250 in UKSO rebate surplus to be given back to the fellowship as literature credit. Option 2 - £13250 in UKSO rebate surplus to be held by Service office to offset literature price increase. Option 3 - £13250 in UKSO surplus rebate to be held by Service office to be used for the relocation of service office in the future. This conscience is to be returned at the May RSC	To allow the UK fellowship to guide the RSC and through it, the UKSO	Kent NWENW		No clear consensus from RCMs; option 3 slight majority; as agreed at last RSC decision will be given to directors of UKSO as trusted servants.

Motion 12-18	Intent	Made/2nd	Resource implications	Action if any:
To change the current WTR guidelines (straw polls) Section 3.6.12: 'The path towards an outcome depends on the proportion of delegates for and against. If this is less than 85% 'for', one of two things can now take place. The chairperson	To have the guidelines in keeping with the spirit of the RSC that the RCMs make the decisions at Region.	Treasurer Kent ASC	Typing in the new wording by Resource.	Motion carried Guidelines updated

<p>could temporarily implement the proposal, as it currently stands, for it to be re-evaluated at the next Region; the issue could be passed onto an ad-hoc committee to deal with; the decision could be postponed for more information; or taken back to the ASCs, to be reassessed at the next Region'.</p> <p>To replace this by ensuring that there is a majority before the chairperson being able to implement the proposal temporarily. To therefore read: 'The path towards an outcome depends on the proportion of delegates for and against. If this is less than 85% 'for' but a majority, what can now take place is: The chairperson could temporarily implement the proposal, as it currently stands, for it to be re-evaluated at the next Region; the issue could be passed onto an ad-hoc committee to deal with; the decision could be postponed for more information; or taken back to the ASCs, to be reassessed at the next Region'.</p>				
Motion 13-18	Intent	Made/2nd	Resource implications	Action if any:
The UK RSC will adjust guidelines to allow for a video link (Skype facility or similar) to be used for ratification of elected subcommittee Vice Chairs, and Treasurers. This is only to be used when it is not possible for them to attend in person.	Considering that circumstances such as disability, geographical location, or similar, may prevent NA members from attending UK RSC to be ratified for service position in the usual fashion.	SELASC CIASC		Motion had insufficient support to continue.

NEXT REGION 10th 11th November 2018

November RSC	Location	Venue details	Hotel details
November 10-11/18	Norwich	The King's Centre King Street Norwich NR1 1PH https://goo.gl/maps/zehCdTEVEnJ2	There are a number of suggested Hotels, but no special rate has been organised

Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

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Please see report I sent to region overleaf

Sussex Area Report for Region September 2018. Manchester.	
RCM report	
ASC: Sussex Area Positions vacant: Vice Treasurer, Vice Literature, Alt RCM, Vice Minutes secretary Next ASC: 19 th September 7pm (Details below)	
Number of groups and meetings: 35 Weekly meeting across Sussex Area	
Sub-committee activities: <p>New F&E committee has been formed and already staging events</p> <p>LSC (Local Services Committee). Meets monthly 2nd Tuesday 7pm Friends Meeting House, Ship St, Brighton.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LSC responsible for all H&I, PI and outreach service in Sussex area. <p>H&I meetings: Reports given by LSC Chairperson attendance to UKH&I over recent months</p> <p>Ford Prison Saturdays 10-11am</p> <p>Royal Sussex County Hospital Brighton Tuesdays 6:15pm – 8pm</p> <p>Lighthouse Recovery (Worthing) Tuesdays 7.30pm – 8.30pm</p> <p>Langford Centre (Bexhill) Monthly Women's, Monthly Men's meeting 1st and 2nd each month Mondays 2pm – 3pm</p> <p>Upcoming: We have had some recent contact with a service provider in HMP Lewes. This could provide the opportunity to get an NA meeting going in HMP for the first time in many years.</p> <p>We are also looking to re-establish regular H&I connections with Stonepillow in Chichester and Bognor following recent changes undertaken by its management.</p> <p>PI. Presentations, poster campaigns all ongoing.</p>	
Events: <p>Sussex Area Unity Day 30th June 2018: Successful, well attended reported back to ASC July 2018. Committee requested conscience from Area to re-book venue for next year (2019). Unanimous</p> <p>Sussex Campout 24th – 27th August. Will report at our next ASC (19th September)</p> <p>Sussex F&E "Family Fun Sports Day" 12th August: Great day, great atmosphere, well attended.</p> <p>Upcoming: One Day Convention, 8th December 8am-7pm, Phoenix Centre in Lewes, East Sussex.</p>	
Additional information: <p>Area conscience:</p> <p>RE: UKSO £13250 rebate surplus.</p> <p>(Option 1 - £13250 in UKSO rebate surplus to be given back to the fellowship as literature credit.)</p> <p>GSR proposed "No support for Option 1"</p> <p>Proposal seconded and carried.</p> <p>Process:</p> <p>All three options were discussed. It became clear that Options 2 and 3 represented clearer and more effective use for this surplus going forward. We trust the elected BOD of the UKSO to use these funds appropriately within the spirit and framework of either one or both of Options 2 and 3.</p>	
Current financial status and contributions:	

Area self-supporting and maintaining its prudent reserve. No contribution.

Questions for Region:

Could we please have a figure giving the overall costs for holding region each time?

UK Region? In its current form, has it become too large to remain effective, and able to meet the needs of the UK fellowship as a whole?

ASC meeting details:		Address:	Day and time:
Venue:	Ralli Hall	81 Denmark Villas, Hove BN3 3TH	3 rd Wednesday every month. 7pm-9pm, doors from 6.30
Contact	Email address: webservant@sussexna.org	Telephone xxxxxxx	Date
ASC	Sussex Area NA	PO Box 716, 88, Denmark Villas Hove BN3 3UG	
RCM	lindleystc@msn.com	07838255113	
Alt RCM	Vacant		