

## **Resolution 1**

Chambers approves the following amendments to the constitution to permit the election of joint heads of chambers by inserting the following amendments to Chambers Constitution:

1. The following new paragraphs to be inserted between existing paragraphs 28 and 29:

### **“Joint Heads of Chambers**

28A It shall be permissible for Chambers to have two joint Heads of Chambers. In the event that there are two joint Heads of Chambers, each joint Head of Chambers shall be entitled to exercise all and any rights and powers enjoyed by the Head of Chambers pursuant to this Constitution, and both Heads of Chambers shall be subject to the responsibilities and obligations of the Head of Chambers. Any references to the Head of Chambers in this Constitution shall be construed accordingly (subject to the provisions of paragraph 28B below).

28B In the event that there are two joint Heads of Chambers and one only of those joint Heads of Chambers ceases to remain in office for any reason, the surviving Head of Chambers shall be automatically deemed to have reached the end of a 5 year term in office. For the avoidance of doubt:

28B.1 this shall cause an election to be held in accordance with paragraph 31.1;

28B.2 he shall be permitted to submit himself for re-election;

28B.3 he shall remain in office for the time being (subject to him ceasing to hold office for any other reason) pending the outcome of such election.”

2. Add the following new paragraph between existing paragraphs 30 and 31:

“30A Notwithstanding paragraphs 29 and 30 above, or any other provision of this Constitution, in the event that there are two joint Heads of Chambers:

30A.1 no Deputy Head of Chambers shall be appointed for the time being;

30A.2 references to the Deputy Head of Chambers in paragraphs 41.2, 52.2 and 80.1 shall be disregarded for the time being;

30A.3 paragraph 46 shall be deemed to be amended for the time being so that the reference to the Deputy Head of Chambers therein is instead construed as a reference to either Head of Chambers (and if both Heads of Chambers are absent at any meeting, that meeting shall by simple majority appoint another member of the GMC to chair that meeting); and

30A.4 paragraph 79.1 shall be deemed to be amended for the time being so that the reference to the Deputy Head of Chambers therein is instead construed as a reference to both Heads of Chambers.”

3. The existing paragraph 31 shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

“31 Elections for the office of Head of Chambers shall be organised by such Member as the GMC shall appoint for such purpose (the “**Election Officer**”) and shall be held (subject to paragraph 28B):

31.1 at the end of a 5 year period of a Head of Chambers holding office, such that the result takes effect at the end of such period (or as soon as practicable thereafter in accordance with this Constitution); or

31.2 where a Head of Chambers resigns his office, following service of such resignation and such that the result takes effect at the end of such period (or as soon as practicable thereafter in accordance with this Constitution); or

31.3 promptly following a Head of Chambers ceasing to hold office for any other reason.”

4. The existing paragraph 35 shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

“35 If two or more valid nominations are received pursuant to paragraph 33 above, an election process shall be held in such manner as the Election Officer shall determine and the GMC approves, provided that each Member shall have one vote.”

## **Resolution 2**

Chambers approves and ratifies the election process for Head of Chambers, notwithstanding that this has not been effected strictly in accordance with the procedural requirements set out in the version of the Constitution in force immediately prior to this meeting