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Dear Members of the Vedic Society Hindu Temple, Southampton.

Subject – Self-nomination process for Holding Trustees, Officer Bearers and Executive Committee Members positions prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of The Vedic Society of Southampton

In order to make the AGM and election process more transparent, efficient and to ensure members are allowed sufficient time to nominate themselves, the Trustees and the Executive Committee have agreed to the following prior self-nomination process. The process applies for the election of Holding Trustees, Officer Bearers and Executive Committee members.

This is an operational process for prior self-nomination and does not constitute a change to any provisions/clauses of the Constitution of the Society.

The steps an Ordinary Member should take to nominate themselves for election prior to the AGM are as follows:

- 1) Only an Ordinary Member can submit a self-nomination which should be sent to the Secretary **and** President by Friday, 28th February 2025. Nomination after this date or at the AGM will not be accepted. The self-nomination must be sent via email to the President at: (presidentvedicsociety@gmail.com **and** to the Secretary at: (secretary@vedicsociety.com).

If an Ordinary Member cannot use email, contact the President for guidance with the nomination on: 07815801039.

The email should be clear on what position(s) an Ordinary Member is self-nominating for. An Ordinary Member can self-nominate for multiple positions. Once an Ordinary Member has self-nominated and is present at the AGM, they cannot withdraw the nomination. The election process must take place.

- 2) As required by the Constitution an Ordinary Member must be present in person at the AGM for the election, and his/her name should be supported by two existing Ordinary Members to confirm the nomination. If a self-nominated Ordinary Member is not present in person at the AGM, he/she will not be considered for election.

- 3) A list of self-nominated Ordinary Members will be sent with the AGM pack to all Ordinary Members at least two weeks prior to the AGM so that members have sufficient time and opportunity to learn about the self-nominated member(s).

Purpose of this process:

- 1) To make election efficient as it will be easier to plan the AGM in advance.
- 2) The process will ensure that members consider carefully whether they are committed to be a Holding Trustee, Officer Bearer and/or Executive Committee member. The roles involve huge commitment towards the Society.
- 3) The membership will learn about nominated members in advance so that they are better informed about future Holding Trustees, Officer Bearers and Executive Committee members.
- 4) Finally, an efficient, transparent, and well-informed process resulting in a committed group of Holding Trustees, Officer Bearers and Executive Committee members is in the best interests of the Society.

for The Vedic Society of Southampton,
Sanjay Chandarana, President
Date: 25th January 2025

Note: The above process does not constitute any changes to the Constitution. All the provisions and clauses of the Constitution of the Society shall continue to apply. The process was approved by the Executive Committee Members on 7 January 2025.