Dear Member,

As you will see from the enclosed Notice, an Extraordinary General Meeting will be held at Novocastrians at 8pm on Monday 13th May 2019, for the purpose of adopting the new Articles of Association (constitution), a copy of which is enclosed.

Why Novos needs a new constitution?

- The existing constitution is out of date and not fit for purpose.
- A CASC (Community and Amateur Sports Clubs) compliant Constitution was a mandatory condition of the "Pitch-In" funding and fulfilment of which the RFU are now demanding to see in place.
- It is essential to qualify for any future significant future capital funding (i.e. via RFU, Sport England, NCC, other public bodies).
- A standard RFU CASC compliant template is proposed for adoption to ensure compatibility: to be sufficiently open to wider membership and represent all sections of the club.
- Complexity of the Club's activities has evolved over the years and the current constitution cannot provide the governance and support needed.

I also enclose a copy of a proposed new set of Club Rules. Strictly speaking these are not part of the EGM as they are secondary to the Constitution, but if we have time, the Directors would like the Club to have the opportunity to discuss them too.

I hope you are able to attend the EGM on the above date and look forward to seeing you there,

Best wishes,

James Forbes

Chairman. Novocastrians RFC.

Notice.

Novocastrians Rugby Football Club Limited. Company No 02321406. The Companies Act 1985 and 1989.

Notice is given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held on the 13th day of May 2019 at 8pm at the Clubhouse, Sutherland Park, The Drive, Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne NE7 7SY, for the purposes of considering and if thought fit passing the following Special Resolution:

Special Resolution 1

The Company's existing Articles of Association shall cease to apply to it and the Company adopts in substitution for them the new Articles of Association in the form of the draft produced to the meeting initialled by the Chair and annexed to this resolution.

Dated the 28th day of March 2019 By order of the Board

Janette Evans Secretary