

Third Sector Organisation Structures



Type of Organisation	Registration Body	Governing Document*	Management Structure
Charity	Charity Commission	Constitution	Trustees
Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)	Charity Commission	Constitution	Trustees
Voluntary/Community Group	None	Constitution and/or Rules	Management Committee
Community Interest Company (CIC)	CIC Regulator (via Companies House)	(Memorandum &) Articles of Association	Directors
Industrial & Provident Society aka Co-operative and Community Benefit Society	Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)	Rules	Executive Committee
Company (Limited by Shares or Guarantee)	Companies House	(Memorandum &) Articles of Association	Directors
Social Enterprise	No legal definition, so may take any form, it is usual for a percentage of income to come from trading and that all profit is used for social/environmental purposes. We would expect to see restrictions on dissolution.		

*See Guidance Sheet on Minimum Standards for Organisations for content expectations