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Dear Fellow Scouts & Scouters,

Over the last few weeks, we have undertaken a consultation and briefing with the membership relating to the changes we need to make at the upcoming meeting of the National Council, in order to comply with the Charities Legislation in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

Whilst the consultation meetings were underway, we received feedback from the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland that meant that the changes we were bringing about were not sufficient in order to comply with the law. Since then we have been working to fix this by coming up with appropriate changes that make us compliant with the law and at the same time maintain the ethos of Scouting within our Scout Groups.

This will require additional rule changes at National Council other than those already published at the consultation meetings.

To brief our membership on these changes and seek the views and opinions of our members, we will be holding a further consultation meeting this coming Sunday, 19th February 2017 @ 3 p.m. in the Red Cow Moran Hotel, Naas Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22. In addition, we will be livestreaming this meeting on Scouting Ireland's [Facebook page HERE](#) where those watching online can ask questions that will be answered at the meeting as well as questions from those present.

Following on from the meeting, we will publish the presentation and supporting documentation for all to read.

This is an important update to the membership and will form an important part of our National Council, so I would encourage as many people as possible to attend either online or in person.

Yours in Scouting

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National Secretary

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