



Charities Act 2011

2011 CHAPTER 25

PART 2

THE CHARITY COMMISSION AND THE OFFICIAL CUSTODIAN FOR CHARITIES

The Commission

17 Guidance as to operation of public benefit requirement

- (1) The Commission must issue guidance in pursuance of its public benefit objective (see paragraph 2 of section 14).
- (2) The Commission may from time to time revise any guidance issued under this section.
- (3) The Commission must carry out such public and other consultation as it considers appropriate—
 - (a) before issuing any guidance under this section, or
 - (b) (unless it considers that it is unnecessary to do so) before revising any guidance under this section.
- (4) The Commission must publish any guidance issued or revised under this section in such manner as it considers appropriate.
- (5) The charity trustees of a charity must have regard to any such guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Changes to legislation:

Charities Act 2011, Section 17 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 11 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 106(1)-(1B) substituted for s. 106(1) by [2022 c. 6 s. 16\(a\)](#)
- s. 322(2)(ea) inserted by [2022 c. 6 Sch. 2 para. 26](#)
- s. 331A331B and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 6 s. 15](#)