

The Rest Bay Convalescent Hotel : public benefit plans 2010.



In July 2009 the Commission published its findings from its public benefit assessment of The Rest Bay Convalescent Hotel ('the charity'). We found that the charity was not furthering its aims and we could not form a conclusion about the extent to which it was operating for the public benefit unless and until the charity is operating within its aims. To address this finding, we said:

'the trustees must re-examine the charitable aim and consider whether it is still capable of being furthered in the current economic and social circumstances and interests of the charity.

If they conclude that the current aim is capable of being furthered, they must undertake a review of how that aim is to be furthered in the future within the framework of charity law.

If they conclude that the current aims are not appropriate, the trustees must develop new charitable aims (within their governing provisions and the limits allowed by the law) and plans for furthering these.'

The trustees confirmed within three months of the report's publication their intention to produce a plan for agreement within a further nine months.

The trustees have since concluded that the current aims are not appropriate. They are revising the charitable aims and have made significant progress with the development of plans for furthering these. The plans are potentially complex and involve the redevelopment of the charity's property.

Conclusion

The trustees face a number of complex issues and have made progress in addressing the findings of the original assessment. In view of the progress made and the complexities of the plans, we have extended the period within which the trustees must submit a plan for agreement by a further four months in addition to the period set in the original assessment.