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Dear Member,

Welcome to e-bulletin no. 1, the first in a series of regular bulletins intended to supplement the Institute's quarterly periodical "Topics". There has been some discussion recently between individual council members concerning the contents of "Topics", the next edition of which is due to be published and circulated just after Easter. This discussion necessarily leads on to the need to review the services being provided for IPSM members, whether fellows, students, retired, honorary or ordinary members. In many ways, the Institute has reached a crossroads in its existence, and needs to take stock of future service provision. Until November 2004, IPSM's administrative services were provided by PARC, comprising a trio of experienced academicians. Their remit included carrying out research for the benefit of IPSM members, and taking forward various initiatives, including training seminars and the provision of top-level speakers at the Institute's annual conference.

Despite PARC's best endeavours, the annual conference and intermittent seminars proved a limited attraction as far as members of the Institute were concerned, and culminated in the cancellation of the 2004 annual conference, due to lack of numbers. As you may be aware, the IPSM registered office has recently moved south, and specifically is 17 St Andrews Drive, Axminster, Devon EX13 5HA. Current administrative arrangements are not dissimilar to those which existed prior to the commencement of PARC's administration contract with the IPSM in 2001. Axminster is home to the IPSM's Administrator, Lynette Wolfe, and also to its Honorary Secretary, Derek Wolfe. Neither individual would profess to being an expert in or at the forefront of cutting-edge management techniques, a situation which probably reflects the Institute's "self-help" and "mutual-support" themes, which run through IPSM's objectives, as expressed in its memorandum of association. Although the various objectives set out below in sub sections (A) to (S) inclusive might make for rather dry and some might say tedious reading, nevertheless they comprehensively encapsulate the Institute's "raison d'etre" in a way which is difficult to effectively summarise. However, for me the principal themes are that of providing an organisation for staff granted the qualification of Member of the Institute of Public Sector Management, as well as providing opportunities for the exchange of views amongst member of the Institute and others. Another important theme is that of the promotion and advancement of efficient administration in the public service.

The IPSM's Council, which functions as the organisation's Management Committee, will shortly be holding its first Council meeting in 2005. Council members will have much to consider as they meet to review progress since the beginning of this year, especially in terms of the Institute's finances, which are looking much more healthy than hitherto, with a very high percentage of existing members renewing, a very small number of resignations being received (only 4 since November last year) and expressions of interest in the organisation and the services it provides from a number of prospective members, some of whom live elsewhere within the European Union.

Please therefore take your receipt of the IPSM's first e-bulletin to express your views concerning services which the Organisation should look to provide in the future, whether in terms of regular journals, training courses, conferences, e-bulletins, or in any other ways you feel would be of benefit to IPSM members generally, bearing in mind that our members are drawn from a very wide range of public service / public sector organisations, each with their own peculiar challenges, opportunities and strengths. More specifically, should you wish to write an article for the forthcoming edition of Topics, please feel free to put pen to paper and let me have anything which may be of interest to other members. Letters to the Editor concerning the future general direction that the IPSM should take would be especially welcome.

I do not intend this first edition to be particularly lengthy, although I believe that its contents should provide plenty of food for thought and provoke lively discussion and debate within the next edition of Topics, the next e-bulletin, and within Council itself as its 7 members meet to consider the way forward for the IPSM.

Yours sincerely,
Derek Wolfe, FIPSM
Hon Secretary

The objects for which the Institute is established are:-

- (A) To provide a qualification to be known as Member of the Institute of Public Sector Management, for staff employed on managerial and administrative duties in the public service.
- (B) To provide an organisation for such staff who are granted such qualification.
- (C) To promote in the public interest the competence of such staff.
- (D) To do such things as are or may be necessary to sustain or to raise the status of those holding the said qualification.
- (E) To promote and provide opportunities for the exchange of views amongst members of the Institute and others, and to encourage and promote the delivery of lectures and the reading and discussion of

papers relative to the managerial and administrative work and the interests of members of the Institute.

- (F) To take over, on such terms as the Institute may deem expedient, all or any of the assets and liabilities of any other body or organisation which is representative of or which has been formed to promote the interests of those whose managerial and administrative work is in any way similar to that of members of the Institute.
- (G) To issue a journal for the information of members and others and for the advancement of the Institute, and to print, publish or distribute text books, statistics, lectures, treatises and other literature connected with or explanatory of the theory and/or practice of the managerial and administrative work performed by members of the Institute and to acquire a library of such works to buy, sell, lend or exchange.(H) To promote the study of the theory and practice of the managerial and administrative work performed by members of the Institute and to establish and/or provide facilities for the holding of classes and examinations (either under the jurisdiction of the Institute or that of any college or other suitable body accredited by the Institute), and for the award of medals, scholarships and such other rewards in connection with the study of such theory and practice as the Institute shall deem necessary, also to award certificates and diplomas.
- (I) To encourage and/or secure the training, education and experience of anyone who is contemplating becoming a member of the Institute.
- (J) To promote the efficiency and usefulness of the service provided by members of the Institute, and for that purpose to exercise supervisory and disciplinary powers over them.
- (K) To promote and advance efficient administration in the public service.
- (L) To apply for, promote, petition for or otherwise support any Act of Parliament, Royal Charter or other measure for the purpose of attaining the above objects or any of them.
- (M) To purchase, take on lease or on exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real or personal property and any rights or privileges which the Institute may think necessary or convenient for the promotion of its objects, and to construct, equip, maintain and alter any buildings or erections necessary or convenient for the work of the Institute.
- (N) To sell, let, mortgage, dispose of or return to account, all or any of the property or assets of the Institute as may be thought expedient.
- (O) To undertake and execute any trust which may lawfully be undertaken by the Institute and may be conducive to its objects.

- (P) To borrow or raise money for the purposes of the Institute on such terms and on such security as may be thought fit
- (Q) To invest the moneys of the Institute not immediately required for its purposes in or upon such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit, subject nevertheless to such conditions (if any) as may for the time being be imposed or required by law and subject also as hereinafter provided.
- (R) To make grants to universities or other educational establishments or for the promotion of the study of subjects relevant to the objects of the Institute.
- (S) To do such other things as are incidental or the Institute may think conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.