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## Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

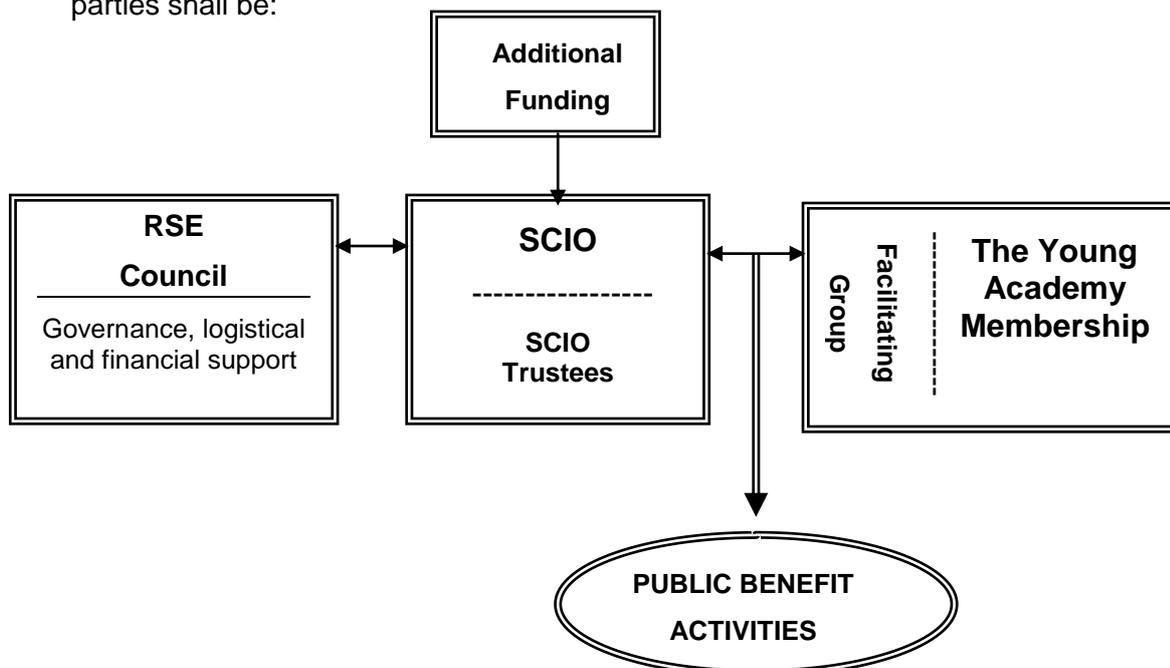
### Co-operation between the RSE Young Academy of Scotland ("the Young Academy"), the Royal Society of Edinburgh ("the RSE") and the RSE Scotland Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("the SCIO"), hereinafter known as "the parties"

This memorandum sets out the principles underpinning the relationship between the parties and the roles of each party within that relationship to enable the Young Academy to develop a distinctive, coherent and influential "voice" for public benefit by addressing many of the challenging issues facing society and to provide a forum for its members to engage with talented individuals beyond their own discipline or profession.

This memorandum should be read in conjunction with the document 'RSE support for the RSE Young Academy of Scotland'.

#### **Principles of the Relationship**

- The RSE will help the Young Academy flourish by supporting the SCIO, which will serve as the legal entity under which the Young Academy will operate.
- The activities of the Young Academy will provide public benefit to support the charitable objects of the SCIO as set out in the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 section 7(2). The charitable purposes of the SCIO are:
  - 2(b) The advancement of education;
  - 2(f) The advancement of citizenship or community development;
  - 2(g) The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science.
- The parties will operate in a mutually co-operative way and will maintain communication channels which facilitate the sharing of relevant information and the establishment of joint activities on matters of common interest.
- The parties will act in ways which help maintain and develop their respective reputations for excellence and impartiality, including acting in a politically neutral way at all times.
- The governance, reporting and resourcing structure overarching the relationship between the parties shall be:



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### ***Role of the Young Academy***

The Young Academy will:

- Organise and deliver its own programme of activities
- Establish and maintain a management structure supporting its programme of activities
- Maintain a record of its activities.
- Provide individuals from its membership to participate in the selection panel(s) for the appointment of new members of the Young Academy.
- Provide an individual(s) from its membership to be appointed by the RSE as a Trustee(s) of the SCIO.
- Keep the RSE informed of its activities through reports provided (written or oral) to the RSE Council, and through interactions with RSE activities as and when appropriate.
- Report its activities to SCIO meetings.
- Secure funding, other than from the RSE, to support the Young Academy.

### ***Role of the RSE***

The RSE will:

- Provide financial, administrative, facilities and engagement support which helps the Young Academy to operate under the auspices of the SCIO
- Provide the Young Academy, through the SCIO, and normally by February/March each year, indicative information on resources the RSE will make available to support the Young Academy for the next fiscal year.
- Appoint the Trustees of the SCIO.
- Manage a Mentoring Scheme to support Young Academy members

### ***Role of the SCIO and its Trustees***

The SCIO will act as a conduit between the RSE and the Young Academy and shall:

- Ensure, through its board of Trustees, that due governance is applied in relation to Young Academy activities and that these activities are recorded and reported in accordance with Scottish Charity Law
- Receive funding from sources other than the RSE which further support the Young Academy
- Oversee the process for appointing Young Academy members
- Receive the annual list of new Young Academy Members
- Receive and record reports supplied by the Young Academy.

### ***Memorandum Validity***

This Memorandum shall be effective from February 2015. It shall be formally reviewed every two years thereafter, with automatic extension for further two year periods unless revoked during the two year periods by any of the parties with at least three months notice.

Any amendments or modifications arising from a review will be subject to the agreement of the parties.