



Charities Act 2011

2011 CHAPTER 25

PART 6

CY-PRÈS POWERS AND ASSISTANCE AND SUPERVISION OF CHARITIES BY COURT AND COMMISSION

Cy-près powers and variation of charters

62 Occasions for applying property cy-près

- (1) Subject to subsection (3), the circumstances in which the original purposes of a charitable gift can be altered to allow the property given or part of it to be applied cy-près are—
- (a) where the original purposes, in whole or in part—
 - (i) have been as far as may be fulfilled, or
 - (ii) cannot be carried out, or not according to the directions given and to the spirit of the gift,
 - (b) where the original purposes provide a use for part only of the property available by virtue of the gift,
 - (c) where—
 - (i) the property available by virtue of the gift, and
 - (ii) other property applicable for similar purposes,can be more effectively used in conjunction, and to that end can suitably, regard being had to the appropriate considerations, be made applicable to common purposes,
 - (d) where the original purposes were laid down by reference to—
 - (i) an area which then was but has since ceased to be a unit for some other purpose, or
 - (ii) a class of persons or an area which has for any reason since ceased to be suitable, regard being had to the appropriate considerations, or to be practical in administering the gift, or

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- (e) where the original purposes, in whole or in part, have, since they were laid down—
 - (i) been adequately provided for by other means,
 - (ii) ceased, as being useless or harmful to the community or for other reasons, to be in law charitable, or
 - (iii) ceased in any other way to provide a suitable and effective method of using the property available by virtue of the gift, regard being had to the appropriate considerations.
- (2) In subsection (1) “the appropriate considerations” means—
 - (a) (on the one hand) the spirit of the gift concerned, and
 - (b) (on the other) the social and economic circumstances prevailing at the time of the proposed alteration of the original purposes.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not affect the conditions which must be satisfied in order that property given for charitable purposes may be applied cy-près except in so far as those conditions require a failure of the original purposes.
- (4) References in subsections (1) to (3) to the original purposes of a gift are to be read, where the application of the property given has been altered or regulated by a scheme or otherwise, as referring to the purposes for which the property is for the time being applicable.
- (5) The court may by scheme made under the court's jurisdiction with respect to charities, in any case where the purposes for which the property is held are laid down by reference to any such area as is mentioned in column 1 in Schedule 4, provide for enlarging the area to any such area as is mentioned in column 2 in the same entry in that Schedule.
- (6) Subsection (5) does not affect the power to make schemes in circumstances falling within subsection (1).

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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](#)