

Dear colleagues,

This is the fifth bulletin of the Members' Policy Forum. If you are new to the MPF or would like to share with colleagues, you can find more information [here](#).

- **The Charity Commission for England and Wales has published guidance for charities connected to non-charities.** The guidance is based on six principles that aim to ensure charities maintain their independence from their linked organisation. It will affect corporate foundations, foundations with a link to a public body, and foundations with a trading subsidiary, among others. ACF has engaged extensively with the Commission since the consultation on the first draft opened in February 2018, including facilitating significant input from corporate foundation members to ensure that the guidance reflected their circumstances and could be implemented in practice. Read the guidance and resources [here](#).
- **ACF responds to the consultation on Scottish charity law, having worked closely with Scottish Grant Makers.** In response to the consultation, we are largely supportive of the measures that would increase transparency as well as increase the effectiveness of the regulator, though we highlighted areas where further consideration or clarity may be needed. We also wrote to the Cabinet Secretary responsible for charities emphasising the importance of transparency and OSCR's relationship with those it regulates. Read our full response [here](#), and the letter [here](#).
- **Engaging with Select Committees.** ACF has been speaking to the Liaison Committee, which comprises the chairs of the parliamentary select committees. There are two matters arising from our conversations:
 1. ACF will be submitting written evidence to its [inquiry](#) into the effectiveness and influence of the select committee system. *We are keen to hear from any foundations that have engaged with select committees about their experience.* Please contact emma@acf.org.uk if you would like to discuss further. Members are also invited to submit their own responses to the inquiry.
 2. We're also working on an event for the Members' Policy Forum about how and why foundations might engage with select committees and what their role and impact can be. We will be in touch again shortly to confirm a date. In the meantime, if you might be interested in hosting this event or presenting a case study, please do get in touch.
- **How and why might UK foundations engage with EU-based initiatives after Brexit?** Many thanks to all those who presented at and participated in our recent MPF event. You can read a summary of the discussion [here](#).

As ever, please feel free to raise any issues with us at any time.

Best wishes,
The ACF Policy Team