



INTERIM MEMBERS' MEETING

- HYBRID EVENT -

**IN PERSON AND BROADCAST ONLINE FROM THE BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM, DUDLEY, DY1 4SQ
AND AT SIX LIVE LOCATIONS: CHELMSFORD, DERBY, CHIPPING NORTON, LEICESTER, HOLMFIRTH, HALESWORTH**

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER AT 7.00 PM

NOTICE

- 1. Welcome and President's update**
- 2. Interim Report and Society performance update to Members:**
 - a. CEO's review
 - b. Our Financial Performance for the 28 weeks ended 8 August 2026
- 3. Member motions* submitted:**
 - a. Agenda Item: Member resolution 1
 - b. Agenda Item: Member resolution 2
- 4. Members' Q&A Session**

* For further details on the motions, see appendix at the end of the Notice.

SPECIAL MEMBERS' MEETING

NOTICE

TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ABOVE INTERIM MEETING, AT THE SAME PLACE

1. Resolution to amend the Society's legal name

To approve that the legal name of the Society be changed from **Central England Co-operative Limited** to **OurCoop Limited** subject to registration by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA); and **THAT** the Society's Rules, at rule 1, be amended to reflect this change with the Secretary authorised to submit the necessary applications and documentation to the FCA.

Ian Adderley

SOCIETY SECRETARY, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

***Appendix**

Member motions

Motion 1

This meeting is pleased to note that the boards of Central Co-op and Midcounties Co-op and their executives assured members that the combined society would take the best from each of the two societies in order to create something even better than the sum of the parts.

Both societies demonstrated co-operative identity and impact in a number of important ways, showcasing community engagement, member empowerment, co-operative development, international solidarity and strong ethical campaigning. This meeting therefore requests the board to bring forward a clear programme, effectively resourced and planned, to maintain and build on key initiatives of the two former societies, including:

Our Malawi Project, which demonstrated how intertrading between co-ops in Africa and the UK could be central to international solidarity and the development of co-ops, improving the lives of people in one of the world's poorest countries

Engagement with Bright Futures Co-operative which has played a key, practical role in tackling modern slavery through an innovative co-operative model

Participation in the Fair Tax Mark, a campaign in which Midcounties and The Phone Co-op (which later merged with Midcounties) were two of the three pioneers, demonstrating how co-operatives can take the lead in campaigning against aggressive tax avoidance by corporates and which now has 275 accredited businesses carrying the Mark

Support for the Plunkett Foundation, which supports local communities to take over their pubs and village shops through co-operative models

Support for local co-operative development through funding of agencies such as Co-operative Futures and CASE

The Fund for International Co-operative Development of which both Midcounties and Central were founders

And to bring back to the Annual Meeting in 2027 a report outlining how the merger will enable them to strengthen and build on all these, and other key initiatives.

Motion 2

This members' meeting notes with concern the growing gap in wealth and income in the UK and firmly believes that the Co-operative Movement (including this society) should continue to reflect our shared co-operative values by being visibly different in this regard.

This meeting notes that the pioneers of our movement, and many pioneering co-operatives that came afterwards, have not been content simply to follow what the market does, and have found innovative and sustainable ways to demonstrate how they are different from the mainstream in relation to issues such as these.

We call on the Board to set out a clear and coherent framework for how they will approach questions of remuneration and other related topics in a way that clearly reflects our distinctive co-operative values, setting us clearly apart from our PLC competitors. This meeting believes that this framework must be something members will regard as fair, and as aligned with our co-operative values.