

REVISED CHARTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KENT

1. There shall be a body politic and corporate with perpetual succession and a Common Seal by the name of "The University of Kent" ("the University").
2. The Supplemental Charter of 2010 and the original Charter of 1965 (except insofar as they incorporate the University and confer upon it perpetual succession and a common seal) shall be and are hereby revoked but nothing in this revocation shall affect the legality or validity of any act, deed, or thing lawfully done or executed under the provisions of the Charters of 1965 and 2010.
3. Unless otherwise indicated, in this Charter and the Statutes:

"Council for Dissolution" is the governing body of the University of Kent established under the provisions of Article 9, previously called the "Council";

"Merger" means the merger of the University of Kent with the University of Greenwich on 1 August 2026 to form the proposed named institution London and South East University Group ('Institution'), as detailed in the Merger Deed (and 'Merge' shall be construed accordingly);

"Merger Deed" means the deed dated 23 January 2026 between the University of Kent and the University of Greenwich, pursuant to which the parties set out the details of the Merger;

"Resolution" means a resolution passed at a meeting of the Council for Dissolution of which valid notice has been given of the meeting, and which is passed by a majority of those present at the meeting;

"Winding Up and Dissolution" means the transfer of any remaining business, liabilities, properties and assets to the Institution post completion of the Merger, and the orderly winding up of any remaining business of the University of Kent (including the discharge of all remaining liabilities), to facilitate the eventual dissolution of the University of Kent and the surrender of this Charter.

4. Pursuant to its objects, the University of Kent agreed to Merge with the University of Greenwich to form the Institution. Following the completion of the Merger, the sole purpose of the University is to oversee and facilitate the Winding Up and Dissolution. This Our Charter, and in particular, the Objects at 5 below, shall be interpreted in that context.

5. The objects of the University are to advance education and disseminate knowledge by teaching, scholarship and research for the public benefit. The objects of the University are to be read in conjunction with Article 4 above.
6. The University shall have all the powers of a natural person to do all lawful acts that are conducive or incidental to the attainment of the objects of the University.
7. The University shall not make any dividend, gift, division, or bonus in money unto or between any of its members of the Council for Dissolution.
8. From the date of the Merger there shall be no:
 - (a) Officers or staff of the University;
 - (b) Students' Union;
 - (c) Senate;
 - (d) Court;
 - (e) Vice-Chancellor;
 - (f) Visitor.
9. There shall be a Council for Dissolution, which shall be the supreme governing body of the University and shall be responsible for the exercise of the University's powers with the sole aim of carrying out the Winding Up and Dissolution. The functions of the Council for Dissolution shall include, without limitation:
 - (a) the custody and use of the Common Seal;
 - (b) the oversight of the management and administration of the revenue and property of the University; and
 - (c) oversight and management of the conduct of the Winding up and Dissolution and of the affairs of the University.
10. The Council for Dissolution may delegate all or any of its functions provided that the Council for Dissolution shall not delegate any of the following:
 - (a) the determination of the character and mission of the University;
 - (b) the responsibility for ensuring the solvency of the University and for safeguarding its assets, including the appointment of auditors and the approval of the University's annual audited accounts; or
 - (c) the making of, alteration, amendment or addition to this Our Charter or the Statutes set out in the Schedule to this Our Charter.
11. The Council for Dissolution shall consist of at least three persons external to the University.

12. The term of office of the members of Council for Dissolution shall be for three years from the Merger and they shall be eligible for reappointment normally for one further period of up to three years.
13. Two-thirds of the actual membership of the Council for Dissolution shall constitute a quorum.
14. Subject to the provisions of this Our Charter, the constitution of the Council for Dissolution, its powers and duties, the manner of appointment or election and period of office of its members, the manner of filling vacancies in its membership, the conduct of its meetings and affairs and all other matters relating to the Council for Dissolution shall be as prescribed by the Statutes or Ordinances.
15. At a time to be decided, upon completion of the Winding up and Dissolution process, the Council for Dissolution will by Resolution surrender this Our Charter subject to the sanction of Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council and upon such terms as We or They may consider fit. All debts and liabilities owed by the University on dissolution shall be extinguished by way of a transfer to the Institution or a third party as provided for in the Merger Deed. If on the Winding up and Dissolution of the University there remain after satisfaction of debts and liabilities any properties whatsoever, that property shall, subject to any special trust affecting the same, be given and transferred to the Institution or to some other charitable association or associations having objects similar to the objects of the University as provided for in the Merger Deed.
16. The Council for Dissolution may amend, add to, or repeal this Our Charter by a resolution passed at a Council for Dissolution meeting by a majority of not less than two-thirds of those present and voting.
17. Such amendment, addition or repeal shall, when allowed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council, have effect so that this Our Charter shall operate as though it had been originally granted and made as so amended, added to or repealed.
18. Our Royal Will and Pleasure is that this Our Charter shall be construed benevolently and in every case most favourably to the University and the promotion of the objects of this Our Charter.
19. This Our amended Charter shall come into effect on a later date to be confirmed and notified by the Secretary to the Council.

Approved by Order of His Majesty The King in Council

Effective 1 August 2026