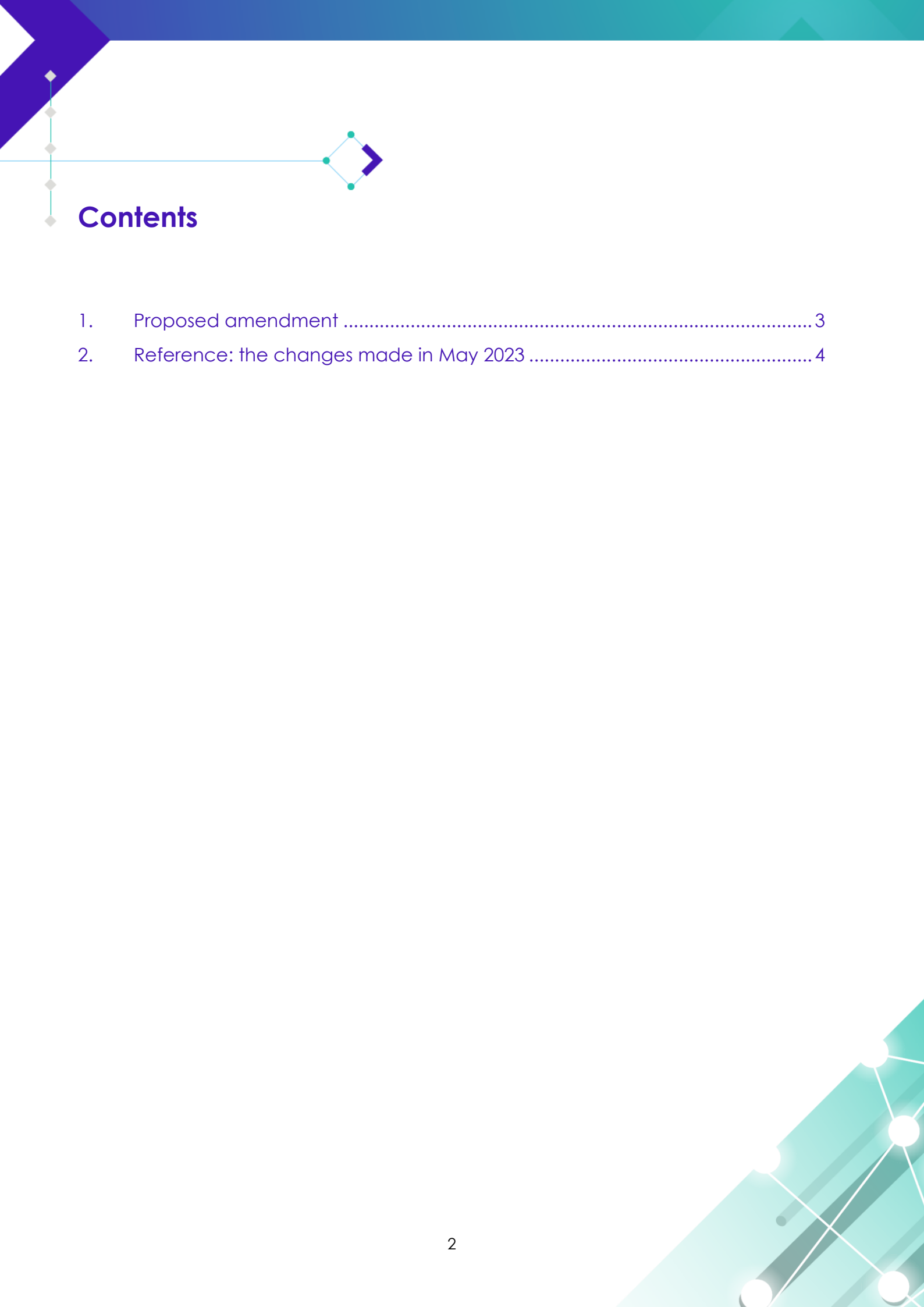


MoU Consultation –

Consequential amendment following
change to LINX membership eligibility
requirements, May 2023



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1. Proposed amendment

In May 2023 the LINX Membership voted to change the eligibility requirements for membership contained in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

Previously, all LINX members were required to make operational use of a peering service as a condition of membership. Following the change, members have the option of either making operational use of a peering service, or making operational use of another service listed in the Service Definition and Fees Schedule. In either case, there is a three month grace period from the start of membership in which to make the service operational.

Another provision of the MoU prohibits LINX members from voting at an AGM (or appointing a proxy to vote) during this grace period, prior to the service becoming operational. Unfortunately, this requirement refers specifically to making “operational use of peering” in three places in the MoU and, due to an oversight, we omitted to update these in line with the previously mentioned change.

Allowing this discrepancy to persist would deprive some duly admitted LINX members of their voting rights. It is also inconsistent with the Articles of Association of the company, which grant each an equal vote.

The Board therefore proposes the following amendment as consequential to the decision taken in May:

Current text	Proposed text
1.6 You are not permitted to vote at or appoint a proxy to vote at a LINX General Meeting until you have achieved operational peering.	1.6 You are not permitted to vote at or appoint a proxy to vote at a LINX General Meeting until you have achieved operational use of a service listed on the Service Definition and Fees Schedule.
Appendix 2: 5. When LINX has received the applicant's payment, signed MoU and LINX connection form, the applicant will become a member of LINX and shall be entered on the register of members. The applicant will not be permitted to vote at any General Meeting until they have achieved operational peering.	Appendix 2: 5. When LINX has received the applicant's payment, signed MoU and LINX connection form, the applicant will become a member of LINX and shall be entered on the register of members. The applicant will not be permitted to vote at any General Meeting until they have achieved operational use of a service listed on the Service Definition and Fees Schedule.
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2. Reference: the changes made in May 2023

Previous text	Text following vote in May
<p>1.1 As a LINX member you warrant that you meet, and will continue to meet, the following requirements:</p> <p>1.1.1 you are a recognised legal entity or incorporated association;</p> <p>1.1.2 you have an ASN (Autonomous System Number) assigned by one of the Regional Internet Registries (or their predecessors) or an alternative agreed by the LINX members;</p> <p>1.1.3 you present to LINX an Autonomous System that is visible from the LINX transit router;</p> <p>1.1.4 you use BGP-4 for peerings.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>1.4 You must achieve operational peering within three months of becoming a LINX member. This is achieved by:</p> <p>1.4.1 connecting to at least one of the LINX Peering LANs, and</p> <p>1.4.2 peering with the LINX collector router, and</p> <p>1.4.3 peering with at least one existing LINX member or the LINX route servers</p> <p>1.5 If you do not achieve operational peering within three months of becoming a member of LINX, or subsequently do not maintain operational peering for more than twenty-one days continuously, then this shall be regarded as a material breach of this MoU</p>	<p>1.1 As a LINX member you warrant that you are, and will continue to be, a recognised legal entity or incorporated association.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>1.4 If you do not make operational use of a service listed on the Service Definition and Fees Schedule within three months of becoming a member of LINX, or subsequently do not maintain operational use of any such service for more than twenty-one days continuously, then this shall be regarded as a material breach of this MoU.</p> <p>1.5 Operational use of a peering service is achieved by:</p> <p>1.4.1 connecting to at least one of the LINX Peering LANs, and</p> <p>1.4.2 peering with the LINX collector router, and</p> <p>1.4.3 peering with at least one existing LINX member or the LINX route servers."</p>
Appendix 1 – Technical Requirements	
Previous text	Text following vote in May
<p>1.4 AS numbers used in BGP-4 sessions across the LINX network shall not be from ranges reserved for private use. The only exception to this is when a BGP speaker is collecting routing information for analysis and not for immediate routing decisions. In this case the BGP speaker may use a private AS number. If it does so it shall not advertise any routes.</p> <p>[...]</p>	<p>AS numbers used in BGP-4 sessions across the LINX network shall be ASNs assigned by one of the Regional Internet Registries (or their predecessors) or an alternative agreed by the LINX membership, and shall not be from ranges reserved for private use. The only exception to this is when a BGP speaker is collecting routing information for analysis and not for immediate routing decisions. In this case the BGP speaker may use a private AS number. If it does so it shall not advertise any routes.</p>