



# Constitution of the BRITAIN FIRST PARTY

## Version 1.1

### CHAPTER 1: NAME AND POLICY

- (a) The name of this organisation is the “**Britain First Party**” (the “Party”).
- (b) The Party’s policy, decisions and direction shall be determined by the elected Leader & Deputy Leader.
- (c) Policy decisions taken at the Conference shall be binding unless revoked or amended by subsequent Conferences.

### CHAPTER 2: PARTY STRUCTURE

The party hierarchy will be structured as follows:

- (a) Members
- (b) Standing Committee
- (c) Leader & Deputy Leader

#### 2.1 Details of Structure

- (a) Membership shall be open to all those over the age of 16 and resident in The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, irrespective of sex, class or creed, and who make the following pledge in writing, "I ..... accept the Constitution of the 'Britain First Party'. I will work for the attainment of its objectives, and I accept the rules and regulations governing membership," and upon completion of a membership application form and payment of membership fees.
- (b) All members are subject to the **Code of Conduct** (Annex A).
- (c) The safe keeping of Party membership lists will be the responsibility of the elected Leader. The Leader & Deputy Leader and Standing Committee are empowered to refuse any individual membership application deemed not to be in the interests of the party.
- (d) No person who is a member of any organisation which approves of or supports the candidature of persons who, if elected, intend taking part in the proceedings of the European parliament, or who approves of or supports the candidature of persons who sign any form or give any kind of written or verbal undertaking of intention to take part in the business or running of this institution other than with a view to get the UK out of the EU or to disrupt the workings of this undemocratic and damaging institution, shall be admitted to membership or allowed to retain membership.

(e) No person who has taken any oath of allegiance to the European parliament shall be eligible for membership until he or she repudiates the oath or declaration in writing to the Standing Committee.

### **2.3 National Structures**

(a) The “Standing Committee” is tasked with assisting the elected Leader & Deputy Leader and provides a platform for Party officers to address grievances. Its members shall consist of:

- **Leader \***
- **Deputy Leader**
- **National Nominating Officer \***
- **Treasurer \***
- **Head of Administration**
- **Head of Security**
- **Head of Operations**
- **Head of Intelligence**
- **Head of Communications**
- **Provost Marshall x 2**

\* As registered officially with the Electoral Commission.

The registration of Party officers with the Electoral Commission– with the exception of the democratically elected Leader – will be made by the elected Leader & Deputy Leader.

The elected Leader & Deputy Leader will also be responsible for appointing all Party officers (listed above) that subsequently form the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee can meet as often as required, but at a minimum of once every 12 weeks. For ordinary meetings of the Standing Committee, a quorum of 60 percent is required.

Votes taken by the Standing Committee that are hung, are automatically defeated.

### **2.4 Party Officials**

All Party officials and staff must be Party members. All such appointments must be ratified by the elected Leader & Deputy Leader.

### **2.5 Leader**

The Leader of the Party is entrusted with deciding the political direction of the movement in its day-to-day interactions with the public.

The Leader will also sit on the Standing Committee.

The elected Leader shall enjoy full executive authority over the Party.

### **2.6 Deputy Leader**

Prospective candidates for the position of Deputy Leader must announce their candidacy in writing to the incumbent Leader and Standing Committee at least three months before the annual Conference.

The Deputy Leader of the Party will be elected in a secret general postal ballot of all paid-up Party members with no less than two years’ continuous membership.

Eligible candidates for the post of Deputy Leader will have to have occupied an official position within the Party and have stood as an election candidate at any level. Four years' continuous membership of the Party is required.

Once elected, the Deputy Leader will be incumbent for a period of four years.

Should only a single candidate put themselves forward for the position of Deputy Leader, they will take office only after a general vote at that year's annual Conference. In such a scenario, no ballot of Party members is required.

Should the incumbent Leader stand down for a temporary period of time, the Deputy Leader will assume the office of Acting Leader until their return.

Should the incumbent Leader resign, the Deputy Leader will assume the office of Acting Leader until a new leadership election can take place.

The Deputy Leader will also enjoy the right to submit to the Standing Committee a motion of no confidence in the incumbent Leader. The incumbent Leader cannot vote on such a motion.

If the Standing Committee votes in favour of the motion, a full leadership election is triggered.

The Deputy Leader will also sit on the Standing Committee and cannot be removed.

If at the end of their term of office, no nominations are received, and the incumbent Deputy Leader indicates their desire to retain the post, he or she will duly be considered to be re-elected unopposed for a further four years.

## **2.7 Election of the Leader**

The Leader is elected by a popular and secret general postal ballot amongst all Party Members who have been members for a period of not less than four years.

## **2.8 Eligibility**

In order to qualify to be a candidate for the office of "Leader", a member must have more than four years' continuous membership, have stood as an election candidate at any level, be a member of the Standing Committee and have a proven record of activism.

In addition, a candidate must have obtained at least 400 signatures from Members with more than one year's continuous membership.

All candidates will feature on a general postal mailing to all Members of the Party with more than one year's membership.

Should a candidate receive the necessary 400 signatures from this general postal mailing, they will qualify as a candidate in the leadership election.

Should no prospective candidate receive the 400 signatures necessary to qualify, the leadership election will be cancelled and the previous Leader will resume their duties.

The Party will not provide membership lists to prospective candidates under any circumstances.

Candidates will be able to advertise their campaign through the official Party website and postal mailings.

The incumbent Leader, Deputy Leader and/or Acting Leader are not required to obtain any nomination signatures and are automatically eligible for candidacy to the Leadership.

## **2.9 Leadership Election Process**

At the onset of a leadership election, the incumbent leader must stand down to ensure a balanced, transparent and fair contest.

The Deputy Leader and Standing Committee will be responsible for appointing a Returning Officer to administer the leadership election.

The Returning Officer must be a member of the Standing Committee.

The day-to-day running of the Party in-between the declaration of a vacancy and the election of a new Leader will be the responsibility of the Deputy Leader.

The Deputy Leader of the Party will temporarily assume the office of Acting Leader until a leadership election can determine a replacement.

After verification that a candidate has received the necessary 400 signatures from Members with at least one year's membership, the Returning Officer shall announce the candidates via all official Party organs.

All candidates shall have equal time and space allocated to them in all the Party organs. A guideline of 1,000 words each for written manifestoes and four minutes each for online appearances shall apply in all cases.

Once the candidates are declared, all Members with four year's continuous membership shall receive, by mail, a voting ballot with the names of all prospective candidates printed thereon.

This shall take place no less than three weeks from the date of the official declaration of candidates by the Returning Officer.

A breach of the Code of Conduct (from the onset of a leadership election) will result in automatic disqualification from the election - a decision that can only be taken by the Deputy Leader and Standing Committee (excluding, if present, an incumbent standing for election).

Party members will have two weeks from the date of posting of the ballot papers in which to return the ballot papers marked with their choice. The returned ballot papers will remain sealed until the two-week period is over, whereupon they will be opened and counted in the presence of the candidates and their representatives.

The candidate with the most popular votes (first past the post) will be declared duly elected and take up the role of Leader with immediate effect.

## **2.10 Election Timeframes and Extraordinary Circumstances**

The position of Leader shall be valid for four years.

If at the end of this period, no nominations are received, and the incumbent indicates his or her desire to retain the post, he or she will duly be considered to be re-elected unopposed for a further four years.

## **CHAPTER 3: THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ("AGM")**

The Party must hold an Annual General Meeting each year.

Attendance at the Annual General Meeting is open to all Members.

## **CHAPTER 4: REVISIONS TO THIS CONSTITUTION**

Changes to this Constitution may only be made by a 75 percent majority vote at the Annual General Meeting of the Party.

The elected Leader, Deputy Leader and Standing Committee can initiate proposals for amendments to this Constitution.

## **CHAPTER 5: ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES**

The Party will employ a qualified accountant to produce full annual accounts to the Standing Committee every twelve months.

Party accounts will be submitted to the Electoral Commission on time and audited by external accountants if applicable.

These accounts will be made available to all Members of the Party at the end of the financial year and/or Electoral Commission deadlines.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT (ANNEX A)**

### **1. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE**

All Party officials must bring breaches of the Code of Conduct to the attention of the elected Leader, Deputy Leader or Standing Committee within two weeks of the breach occurring. The elected Leader, Deputy Leader or Standing Committee have the right to expel members from the Party on completion of a full report to the Standing Committee.

### **2. OFFENCES**

**2.1** The following rules and regulations are to be observed at all times by all Britain First groups, members, officials and supporters, without exception.

- All Britain First groups, members, officials and supporters are hereby expected to act in accordance with any directives issued by senior Britain First officials whilst active or present at official Britain First events.
- All Britain First groups, members, officials and supporters are expected at all times to conduct themselves in a manner that will bring credit upon Britain First and to refrain from any acts, whether from a party political or private motive and whether political or private in nature, that are likely to bring Britain First into disrepute.
- The spreading of false or malicious rumours, engaging in character assassination and the publishing of slanderous comments shall be considered an offence against this Code of Conduct. So too shall be the deliberate causing of disruption to the working of Britain First.
- No Britain First group, member, official or supporter shall transmit by any means – written, verbal or electronic – to another person or organisation any matters that are internal to Britain First unless prior permission has been given.
- No Britain First group, member, official or supporter shall call any activity or meeting beyond their position of authority. Any such call shall be considered an offence against this Code of Conduct.
- Any Britain First group, member, official or supporter who airs criticism or dissent publicly or to subordinate members without *first* exhausting the proper channels shall be guilty of a disciplinary offence.

As a general rule, good news should be passed to subordinate members while problems and criticisms should only be passed to senior officials.

- The display or consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited on all official Britain First events. Any social alcohol consumption should feature only *after* official events.

- Masks, balaclavas and scarves that cover the face are prohibited on all official Britain First events. All Britain First members and supporters should be proud to show their face in defence of our country and people.

- All Britain First groups, members, officials and supporters are prohibited from using profane, abusive or racist language and engaging in harassment.

- All Britain First groups, members, officials and supporters are prohibited from engaging in moronic, hooligan and drunken behaviour that brings Britain First into disrepute. This includes the inappropriate display of body parts.

- The display of foreign flags, banners or placards is prohibited at all official Britain First events unless special permission is granted.

- All Britain First groups, members, officials and supporters are prohibited from displaying, transmitting or indulging in extremist behaviour, language or clothing. This covers the following creeds/ideologies: National Socialism, Fascism, Communism, Islam, Zionism, Liberalism, Socialism and anything relating to the skinhead movement.

- All Britain First groups, members, officials and supporters are prohibited from engaging with any representatives of the media unless given prior authorisation to do.

- All Britain First groups, members, officials and supporters must comply with the laws of the United Kingdom and act in a manner befitting a gentleman or lady at all times.

- All Britain First groups, members, officials and supporters must refrain from entering any Mosque or Islamic Cultural Centre or its private grounds within England and Wales without prior written invitation.