

ENGLISH DEMOCRATS

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Date: August 2020

Dear Fellow English Democrat

Re: English Democrats' Annual General Meeting – Saturday, 3rd October 2020, Leicester Hilton

I enclose a Notice of our Annual General Meeting, a booking form and proxy form etc. Due to all the Lockdown restrictions the hotel is only allowed to have meetings of a maximum of 30 and there are various other “social distancing” measures. We do however need to have an AGM but this one will be something of a bare bones event! (Perhaps without even any of my jokes?). If you would like to come please book straightaway as once this is full we will not be able to take any more.

The delegate day rate is £40 per person which includes coffee, a full hot lunch and tea.

Our evening dinner will also be £25 per person. This will be a nice sociable end to our AGM day. I hope to see you there!

If you can come, please do fill in the booking form and send it, together with your cheque, to the requested address. I do hope that you can come to all or some of our conference, but if you cannot come please could you sign and return the enclosed proxy form to me also at the above address?

Yours sincerely

Robin Tilbrook

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Chairman

ENGLISH DEMOCRATS



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON
3RD OCTOBER 2020
AT 2.00 P.M.
AT THE HILTON, 21 JUNCTION APPROACH,
LEICESTER, LE19 1WQ**

TO : ALL MEMBERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the above named Party will be held at the Leicester Hilton on the 3rd October 2020

1. To record apologies for absence and to note attendance and any proxies duly received.
2. Discussion and voting on the agenda to be circulated at the meeting.
3. Elections for membership of the National Council and for Area/Regional Chairmen.
4. To receive last year's Annual Accounts of the Party.
5. To consider and to vote on proposals for National Council supported resolutions to the Manifesto and on the Constitution (as enclosed).
6. To consider and vote on proposals for Private Members supported resolution
7. Any other business not requiring express notice.

Registered Office:

Quires Green
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Dated : August 2020

On behalf of: The English Democrats Party

Robin Tilbrook
Registered Party Chairman and
Nominating Officer



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Annual General Meeting

Leicester Hilton,
21 Junction Approach
Leicester LE19 1WQ
Saturday, 3rd October 2020

Delegate Booking Form - Annual General Meeting 2020	
Name	
Address	
Telephone	
Email	
Membership No./ Organisation	

Delegate Options for Conference		
Friday Social	Free	
Saturday Conference with refreshments and lunch	£40 per delegate	
Evening Meal	£25 per delegate	
<p>Please send form and cheque to:- Robin Tilbrook, Quires Green, Willingale, Ongar, Essex, CM5 0QP - Cheques made payable to "The English Democrats"</p>		
<p>Accommodation must be booked separately with the hotel. Tel:: 0116 263 0063 and quote booking reference "English Democrats' Conference" (it is advisable to ring during office hours as Central Reservations will not have a record of the booking).</p>		

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FORM OF PROXY



I, of

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being a Member of the above Party, hereby appoint Robin Tilbrook, the Chairman of the
Party/or

of

to vote for me generally/as specifically set out below on my behalf at the Annual General
Meeting to be held on the 3rd September at the Leicester Hilton and at any adjournment thereof.

Specific Directions (if any)

SIGNED DATE

NOTES

1. Only voting members of the party may vote. Any other person wishing to vote may only do so if appointed by this proxy on behalf of a voting member.
2. This form must be lodged at Quires Green, Willingale, Ongar, Essex, CM5 0QP at least forty-eight hours before the date of the Meeting otherwise it will be declared invalid.

NOTE: A Member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting convened by the Notice set out above is entitled to appoint a Proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf. Any such notice should be received not less than two clear days before the date of the meeting. A Proxy should be a member of the Party.

PROPOSED MANIFESTO CHANGES – OCTOBER 2020

ITEMS IN PROPOSAL RED TO BE ADDED

- 1. Proposal to amend English Democrats manifesto, to insert section 2.13.9.1, 2.13.9.2, 2.13.9.3, and 2.13.9.4 with their respective text in red**

Reason: The rights of citizens who are victims of crime to defend themselves, their family, and their property, against criminals without the fear of they themselves being labelled as criminal by the Police for doing so.

Our revised Firearms/Shotguns manifesto proposal

2.13.9.1 The police in England seem increasingly unwilling and unable to help our people when attacked or burgled. So, if elected, our Police Commissioner candidates will require their Chief Constables to grant firearms and shotgun licences for personal protection, as well as CS gas and pepper spray items (of the sort commonly available over the counter on the Continent). These will be for the purposes of citizens protecting themselves and their property. This is in accordance with the actual law. We will direct Police Constables to ignore the unlawful Home Office, politically motivated, guidance to the contrary.

2.13.9.2 The English Democrats respect the rights of citizens who are victims of crime to defend themselves and their property against criminals. The English Democrats regard this as no more than the traditional English right of self-help.

2.13.9.3 Furthermore it will be Force policy that no police officer who is called to a scene of a burglary or other situation where a victim of crime has defended themselves or their property against a criminal or criminals shall be permitted to arrest the victim. If, in breach of this policy a police officer does arrest the victim, then the Chief Constable will be directed to indicate to that officer that their chances of promotion within that constabulary are thereby ended.

2.13.9.4 Any Chief Constable instructed as above who does not comply with our Police Commissioner's instructions shall be forthwith dismissed by our Police Commissioner.

- 2. Proposal by Bridget Vickers to amend English Democrats Manifesto, to insert sections 3.17.3, 3.17.4, and 3.17.5 with their respective text highlighted in red.**

Reason: The history of England has come under attack by various grievance and victimhood groups. It is important that our manifesto maintains our history intact.

3.17.3 The history of England, its artefacts, and its historical figures, including street designations and memorial plaques, should be preserved in perpetuity.

3.17.4 No item of English history may be permanently removed from the record, but if the population so decides, may be removed to a museum for permanent display.

3.17.5 The population may only decide on the removal or change of any item of its history through a local referendum, except that of London, as the Capital of England such matters must be decided by a national referendum

- 3. Proposal by Bridget Vickers to amend English Democrats Manifesto, to insert section 2.6.3.1 with its respective text highlighted in red.**

Reason: The teaching of English history is inadequate. We feel that we should state what should be included in the teaching of that history.

2.6.3.1 The teaching of English history must be done in such a manner that tells our nations story, and that it neither hides, nor condemns, nor glorifies any aspect. Students must be taught to properly analyse and debate the pros and cons of any aspect of historical record, both in its original context, in the current context and its importance now.

4. Proposal by Bridget Vickers to amend English Democrats Manifesto, to insert sections 1.4.2, 1.4.3, and 1.4.4 with their respective text highlighted in red.

Reason: Over the past 30 years there has been an ever-greater tendency to treating people as members of groups, rather than individuals. We feel that as a party we must put a stop to this.

1.4.2 The Party regards itself as the defender of the freedoms, rights, and obligations of the individual. No law or regulation may be passed that treats people as being part of a group. No law may be passed giving or denying rights to, for example: the 'black community, the Christian community, the white community, for men, for women, or for Muslims etc.

1.4.3 This policy will be followed in schools where any officially sponsored activity can only be made if it is based on the natural characteristics of our nation. So, for example no group may be given a higher mark because they are a member of a particular group.

1.4.4 No activity can be organised that excludes members on the basis of their gender, race, or ethnicity unless it is an activity that genuinely splits people into groups for the sake of child protection. This does not apply to activities where gender is a natural characteristic in performance such as some sports.

5. Proposal by Bridget Vickers to amend English Democrats Manifesto, to insert sections 1.4.1.1, 1.4.1.2, and 1.4.1.3 with their respective text highlighted in red.

Reason: The move away from having only two genders has accelerated and is extremely divisive in the context of a balanced society.

1.4.1.1 People may assume any identity that they want, but they have no right to deprive other groups of their rights in so doing. These rights include the right to privacy (bathroom use), sports events, safe spaces such as women only waiting rooms, shelters, and intimate cosmetic procedures

1.4.1.2 We hold that gender is determined by biology.

1.4.1.3 Any other identity chosen is for social purposes only and not for legal purposes. And no law may be made that attempts to alter these biological identities.

6. Proposal by Bridget Vickers to amend English Democrats Manifesto, to renumber section 2.13.9, and insert sections 2.13.9.2, 2.13.9.3, and 2.13.9.4 with their respective text highlighted in red.

Reason: People, particularly women, are prohibited from using simple means of self-defence. Change 2.13.9 to 2.13.9.1 and add

2.13.9.2 People should be allowed to use simple non-lethal means of self-defence such as pepper sprays, or CS gas sprays.

2.13.9.3. The Government has the right to request the National Standards Authority to prepare reasonable Standards for the preparation of such devices. They may pass a law that requires the manufacturers of such products to follow the national standards.

2.13.9.4 Such devices should be no more harmful than tasers currently used by the Police.

Proposed changes to Constitution

Items in red to be added

Items in crossed through in red to be removed

Constitution

1. INTRODUCTION
2. OBJECTIVES AND METHODS
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10. FINANCIAL RULES

1. Introduction

Name

1.1 The Party shall be called the "English Democrats"

(Acceptable abbreviations - EngDem or ED)

Constitution

1.2 The Constitution of The English Democrats sets out how the Party will regulate its activities so that its actions and policies reflect the will of the members of the Party and are in accordance with regulatory requirements and general standards of propriety and regularity.

1.3 The members of the Party must approve, by ballot, the Constitution of the English Democrats and any amendments thereto. The National Council may make interim amendments to the constitution where the National Conference explicitly delegates authority for this; all such amendments must be subsequently approved by the members or lapse. Approval of amendments must be by at least a 50% majority of those voting.

Manifesto

1.4 The general principles, objectives and policies of The English Democrats are contained in its manifesto. The National Council is responsible for developing the manifesto and it is for the Conference to accept or reject it in its entirety.

Policy

1.5 The day-to-day adoption and amendment of Party policy shall be the responsibility of the National Council. All such policy shall conform with and give expression to the general principles and objectives of the Party as set out in its manifesto.

2. Objectives and Methods

Objectives

2.1 The English Democrats' principal objectives shall be:

- to build a more democratic and accountable society.
- to secure a parliament and executive (government) for England.
- to gain sufficient electoral support to form the executive (government) of England.
- to advocate and put into effect the aims and objectives set out in its manifesto.

Methods

2.2 The English Democrats shall pursue its aims by means of political activity, democratically organised by members of the Party freely associating together according to the provisions of the constitution.

3. Membership

3.1 Membership of the Party is open to all those, aged 16 years or over, who broadly agree with its aims, objectives, and policies.

3.2 Membership can be acquired by anyone, whatever their ethnicity, religion or culture, who:

- a) has affirmed in writing his or her intention to join the English Democrats.
- b) is willing to further the aims of the party.
- c) is not a member of any political party or body contesting elections in opposition to the English Democrats.
- d) agree to abide by the Constitution and Standing Orders of the party.
- e) has been accepted into membership by the National Council.
- f) has paid the annual membership fee in the amount and in the manner determined from time to time by the National Council.

3.3 Types of membership and current subscription rates shall be determined by resolution of the National Council.

~~The membership of the Party is divided into three parts:-~~

- ~~i) — Prime members~~
- ~~ii) — Ordinary members~~
- ~~iii) — Supporting members~~

~~Prime members consist of all those existing full members whose subscriptions are up to date as at the 23rd April 2009 and all those who join afterwards and pay the subscription by Direct Debit.~~

~~Ordinary members consist of all those full members whose subscriptions are up to date and are paid by any other means than by Direct Debit and who joined the Party after the 23rd April 2009.~~

~~Supporting members consist of all those members whose subscriptions are not fully paid up but who have contributed to the Party and who continue to support the Party.~~

3.4 The National Council shall have the right to expel from membership any person who no longer complies with the requirements of paragraph 3.1 and 3.2 above, or whose behaviour is otherwise damaging to the interests of the party. Any member so expelled shall have the right of appeal to the Appeals Panel.

3.5 Notwithstanding compliance with 3.1 and 3.2 above, membership may be refused or revoked if there is material disagreement, evidenced by conduct, with the fundamental values and objectives of the party or admission or continued membership would be likely to bring the party into disrepute.

3.6 Any person aggrieved by such a refusal or revocation shall, subject to having exhausted the internal procedures have a right of appeal to the Appeals Panel.

4. National Conference

4.1 The Conference shall be responsible for:

- a) approving the party's manifesto and constitution.
- b) electing the Party Chairman.
- c) electing ten members of the National Council; and
- d) approving the Treasurer's Report.

4.2 The Conference shall consist of:

- a) ~~all~~ Members of the National Council.
- b) Representatives of Area Councils as established by the National Council.
- c) ~~Prime~~ Members of the party

4.3 The conference shall be convened and conducted in accordance with the Conference Standing orders.

5. The National Council

5.1 The National Council shall be responsible for:

- a) developing the policies of the Party in depth.
- b) determining the Party's strategies and tactics.
- c) preparing the Party's election manifestos.
- d) electing from among its members the Treasurer and Secretary.
- e) ensuring that proper arrangements are made for the Party Conference.
- f) ensuring that proper arrangements are made for the election of the Party Leader.
- g) implementing any decisions which the Conference has directed to it
- h) appointing the members of the Appeals Panel.

5.2 The National Council shall cause to be drawn up and maintained, as and when required, the following sets of Standing Orders and Rules:

- a) Standing Orders for the National Council.
- b) Standing Orders for the National Council Executive.
- c) Standing Orders and rules for Branches and Area Councils.
- d) financial rules.
- e) rules for the selection of the National Council

- f) rules for the selection of Westminster Parliamentary candidates.
- g) rules for the selection of local government candidates.
- h) rules for the selection of European Parliamentary candidates; and
- i) rules for the selection of House of Lords candidates.

5.3 Meetings of the National Council shall be conducted in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Council.

5.4 Membership of the National Council (Between 11 & 21 in number) shall be:

- a) The National Party Chairman, elected at the Annual National Conference (2 Year Term)
- b) Ten National Council Members, elected at the Annual National Conference (2 Year Term)
- c) Ten Area Chairman or their Appointed Deputy, elected by Postal Ballot by Membership in the defined area (2 Year Term)

English Democrats "Areas" being defined as follows:

- i) North East - Northumberland & Durham - (including City of Newcastle)
- ii) North West - Cumberland, Westmoreland, Lancashire, Cheshire, Isle of Man (including Cumbria, ~~Liverpool~~ Greater Manchester, ~~Merseyside~~)
- iii) Yorkshire - (including Leeds, Hull, Sheffield)
- iv) West Midlands - Staffordshire, Shropshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Herefordshire (Birmingham, West Midlands)
- v) East Midlands - Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Northamptonshire, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Rutland
- vi) Eastern Counties - Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Essex
- vii) South West - Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Dorset Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Monmouthshire, Isle of Scilly, Gibraltar (including Bristol, Avon)
- viii) Southern Counties - Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Channel Islands
- ix) South East - Kent, Surrey, Sussex (East Sussex & West Sussex)
- x) London - Middlesex & London

5.5 Members elected to the National Council shall serve for a term of two years.

5.6 Members of the National Council have basic obligations to attend National Council meetings, to present a short report to the National Council on what they have been doing on behalf of the party since the last meeting and to take specified and agreed responsibilities and to ensure these are carried out as agreed.

5.7 A member may be removed from the National Council in the event of a Council Member missing 3 consecutive National Council Meetings without adequate explanation and/or failing to undertake agreed actions without acceptable explanation. Removal will be determined by a vote of the National Council.

5.8 The National Council can co-opt people onto the National Council in the event of a vacancy arising on the National Council. The position shall be subject to election in the normal way at the next general meeting of the Party.

5.9 The nomination of member(s) for election to membership of the National Council or Party Chairman shall be by a member of the Party and supported by a second Party member, neither of whom are the member nominated. The nomination shall also be supported by the member nominated.

5.10 Nomination for members of the National Council shall (excepting as noted in 5.12 below) be in writing and forwarded to the Secretary of the Party 21 days prior to the general meeting of the Party.

5.11 The election of members to the National Council will be by a ballot of members. Participation in the ballot will either be by personal attendance at the general meeting or by proxy.

5.12 In the event of a position not being filled through prior nomination (see 5.9 above) and election, vacant positions may be filled by nomination at a general meeting of the Party.

6. Executive officers and groups

6.1 The National Council may appoint, as it sees fit, such officers or working groups to further the objectives of the Party and this may include:

- a) implementing the decisions of the Conference and the National Council.
- b) organising and directing national campaigns.
- c) managing the organisation and finance of the Party.
- d) developing policies.
- e) managing the Party's assets.

6.2 The roles of the Officers shall be as follows unless Standing Orders, or legal requirements, or a decision of the National Council, direct(s) otherwise:

- a) The Party Chairman shall be responsible for chairing all meetings of the Party.
- b) The Secretary: All official communications to and from the Party shall be through the Secretary who will keep copies of all correspondence and make it available to members of the National Council.
- c) The Treasurer shall manage the Party's national finances and undertake such duties as required by the financial scheme agreed with the Electoral Commission.

7. Area Councils

7.1 The powers and roles of Area Councils shall be determined by the National Council.

8. Resolution of Conflicts

8.1 There shall be an Appeals Panel for the English Democrats, which shall consist of three members appointed by the National Council. Members of the Appeals Panel may be members of the National Council but not hold the positions of Party Leader, Party Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary or any executive position.

8.2 The Appeals Panel shall adjudicate on:

- a) any dispute over the interpretation of any of the clauses of this constitution.

b) any claim that the rights under this constitution of a member or of a Party body have been infringed, provided that no appeal may be brought under this paragraph where there is another appeal procedure.

c) any matter expressly so provided by this constitution or by rules made hereunder.

8.3 The Panel may make and publish rules for its own procedure.

8.4 Any decision of the Panel shall be binding on all parties concerned provided it is considered and supported by the National Council.

9. Standing orders of the National Council

9.1 A quorum shall be formed by 4 or more of the members of the National Council, as they are defined in the constitution of the English Democrats.

9.2 The Chair shall be taken by the Chairman or in his/her absence, the meeting shall elect an acting Chair from amongst those present.

10. Financial rules

10.1 All bank accounts of the English Democrats shall be subject to the authority of the National Council and shall only be opened or closed by resolution of the National Council. Bank mandates shall be approved at a meeting of the National Council. Authorised signatories on cheques, standing orders, direct debits etc. shall always include the person, normally the Treasurer, denoted at the time by the National Council to be responsible for keeping the

Party's accounts.

10.2 The financial year of the English Democrats will be from 1 January to 31 December.

10.3 The National Council will cause financial accounts to be prepared within 4 months of the end of the financial year

10.4 Loans to the party must be approved by the National Council on the advice of the Treasurer. Emergency loans may be approved by the Treasurer between National Council meetings but must be put before the next National Council for approval.

10.5 Repayment of loans can only be made if approved by the National Council.