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RESOLUTION FOR PUTNEY AGM ON THE MERGER WITH BATTERSEA AND TOOTING

The 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Putney Liberal Democrats notes that:

1. Liberal Democrat local parties based in London Boroughs can provide stability against forthcoming constituency boundary changes
2. Such parties can more effectively coordinate campaigning in relation to Borough Councils and their policies
3. Such parties can economise in the use of scarce administrative manpower
4. The London Regional Party is encouraging the completion of the London-wide move to Borough based parties
5. Plans for the merged arrangements need to be in place before a merger occurs
6. The Executives of the Putney and Battersea and Tooting local parties are proposing resolutions to establish a new borough local party for Wandsworth

Accordingly, the Meeting resolves that:

- a) The Putney Liberal Democrats agree to disband at the close of the 31 December 2016, and to reconvene with Battersea and Tooting Liberal Democrats as Wandsworth Liberal Democrats at the start of 1 January 2017, provided that both the two existing parties, and a meeting of their joint memberships, pass the necessary resolutions to enable this to be done in a way consistent with items (b) to (e) of this resolution
- b) The constitution of Wandsworth Liberal Democrats shall be as set out in Appendix 1 to this resolution, including provision for the Putney Liberal Democrats Development fund set out in Article 8, and provision for a Putney Subcommittee to the Wandsworth Executive Committee given in Article 12.3.
- c) All the assets and liabilities of the Putney Liberal Democrats and the Battersea and Tooting Liberal Democrats shall be vested in Wandsworth Liberal Democrats at the start of 1 January 2017.
- d) Within these assets and liabilities, the initial assets and liabilities of the Putney Liberal Democrats Development Fund shall (in accordance with the constitution's article 8) comprise the residual money from the sale of the Putney Liberal Democrat HQ, after donations and expenditures. These assets and liabilities shall be determined as the [money in the HSBC savings account

.....][balance of in the HSBC savings account ... in October 2016] less the remaining capital gains tax due.

e) The initial terms of reference of the Putney Subcommittee shall be as provided for in Appendix 2 to this resolution. The Subcommittee's initial membership shall be elected at the Putney AGM passing this resolution, subject to confirmation by the first meeting of the Wandsworth Party's Executive Committee.