

Bromley Borough Liberal Democrats

Motion to AGM to Approve Change to the Constitution November 2017

The AGM is asked to approve:-

Change the Local Party constitution as set out below:

Insert the following into section 5.3:

(g) 6 Ordinary Members

Mover: Dr Richard Corbett

Summation: Dr Richard Corbett

Background Briefing:

The current constitution of the Bromley Borough Liberal Democrat Local Party was created in 2013 when the three Constituency Local Parties of Orpington, Bromley & Chislehurst, and Beckenham&Penge were merged, largely due to the then lack of viability of separate organisations. This includes the current make-up of the Executive. In the last two years, increased membership and campaigning activity have resulted in significant changes in the way the Local Party operates and the demands on its structures.

An important aspect of Local Party Democracy is that the Party is run by the Members, for the Members. The current Executive consists of 6 Officers, 4 Branch representatives and 3 PCC representatives. The Executive has proposed increasing the number of Officers by 3 and Branch representatives by 2. However it is proposed that this will not provide sufficient representation of the membership at large. The proposed amendment would include 6 Ordinary Members in the Executive with the aim of giving a better representation of and the Local Party; supporting the increase in diversity in the Local Party; and bringing the full range of experience, skills and views of the Membership to bear on the management of and strategy and policy formation of the Local Party; in short to improve the democratic representation of the Membership on the Executive.