

Motion B to 2018 Annual General Meeting

This General Meeting notes that:

The Region's Constitution has been getting progressively out of date, and we had postponed doing anything about it as the English Constitution was about to be changed, which would have forced some other very large changes on our Constitution. However since the English Constitution change has failed to progress, we now need to bring the Region's Constitution up to date. The main changes needed are:

- (i) to put One Member One Vote (OMOV) in place;
- (ii) to delete all references to obsolete Regional Assembly elections and members;
- (iii) to insert missing references to Police and Crime Commissioner elections and position;
- (iv) to allow the LPC to co-opt if it wishes;
- (v) and to stop lapsed members attending the Executive.
- (vi) Some minor clarifications and re-wording are also needed.

This General Meeting therefore resolves to make the following changes to the Constitution:

In Article 1.6 delete: "*The Regional Assembly' means the South West Regional Assembly*"; and replace by "*The Police & Crime Commissioner' means the Devon & Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner*";

In Article 2.2 (c) delete: "*thirty voting members of the Regional Conference.*" and replace with: "*thirty members of the Region, from at least three Local Parties.*"

In Article 2.4 (b) delete: "*and from representatives of the Party serving on the Regional Assembly.*"

Article 2.5: Delete in their entirety paragraphs (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) and (j).

Article 2.6: delete the words: "*and from voting*".

Article 2.6: delete "*all voting members of the Regional Conference*" and replace by: "***all members.***"

After Article 2.7 delete in their entirety: the Explanatory Note and Articles 2.8 to 2.18 inclusively.

Article 2.19 - renumber as Article 2.8 and delete the words: "*voting*", "*of Regional Conference*" and "*or on the Regional Assembly*".

In Article 3.4 delete the word: "*Assembly*" and replace by "***Police and Crime Commissioner***".

In Article 3.6 delete the sentence: "*The Secretary shall maintain a register of the voting members of Regional Conference.*"

At the beginning of Article 4.2 insert the sentence: "***Only fully paid up members may attend the Executive.***"

In Article 4.2 (c) delete: "*Youth and Students*" and replace with: "***Young Liberals***".

In Article 4.2 (g) delete: "*a member elected at the at the time of the Annual General Meeting by and from Members of the Liberal Democrat Group on the Regional Assembly*"; and replace with: "***the Region's Police and Crime Commissioner***".

In Article 4.2 (i) delete the words: "*a member elected at the time of the Annual General Meeting as*".

In Article 4.2 (j) delete the words: "*a member elected at the Annual General Meeting as*".

In Article 4.2 (k) delete the words: "*a member elected at the Annual General Meeting as*".

In Article 4.3 delete: "*The Officers shall be elected annually by the voting members of the Regional Conference at the Annual General Meeting.*" and replace by: "***The Officers shall be elected by the procedures set out by the English Party as per Article 10.***"

In Article 4.13 delete the sentence: "*This appointment shall be subject to the ratification of the next Regional Conference.*"

In Article 4.14 (b) delete: "*Assembly, (this may be delegated to the Sub-Regional groups)*"; and replace by: "***Police and Crime Commissioner.***"

In Article 5.3 delete: "*Team for Cornwall and the Team for Devon*" and replace by "***Sub-Regional Groups (Article 11)***"

In Article 6.1 add at the end: "***It may co-opt members who have particular skills to advise the Committee.***"

Article 7 to be entitled: "***PARLIAMENTARY AND POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES***"

In Articles 7.2, 7.5, 7.6, 7.9, 7.10, 8.2 (f) 11.1 (i) and 11.1 (o) delete; "*Regional Assembly*" and replace with: "***Police and Crime Commissioner***";

In the first sentence of Article 10.3 delete: "*the Annual General Meeting*" and replace by: "***at the time of the Annual General Meeting by the procedures set out by the English Party.***"

In Article 10.3 delete the last two sentences concerned with ballots.

In Article 10.6 add the words: "***from outside this Region***" after "*disinterested person*".

In Article 10.6 delete: "*The Returning Officer shall be responsible for the preparation and distribution of ballots papers, their receipt and counting on return, and the declaration of the results.*" and replace by: "***The Returning Officer shall be responsible for informing HQ Compliance Department of all valid nominations received and the details of the nominee. Compliance team will then make arrangements for electronic ballots to be issued for contested positions. Compliance will liaise with the Returning Officer on the issuing of paper ballots to those that cannot use the online system. The Returning Officer is responsible for getting artwork for contested positions and forwarding them to Compliance Department. Compliance will count the results, and the Returning Officer will communicate them.***"

In Article 10.7 delete: "*but need not be an elected voting representative to the Regional Conference.*"

[Motion ends]