

# Constitution

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Renew

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## **Preamble**

Renew offers alternative leadership to the United Kingdom. The party believes the UK should be open to the world, markets, and Europe and offer a vision that renews Britain's hope.

Renew uses the best ideas from left and right and from outside politics, grounded in evidence, to find solutions that improve people's lives.

## 1. Core principles

- **Opportunity** – everyone should have the opportunity to make the most of their own efforts and talents
- **Responsibility & equality** – we all benefit from the structures and support provided by our community and that we all have a responsibility support that community and ensure everyone within it is be treated equally
- **Internationalism** – the UK should be an open and engaged global actor, strongly supporting free trade and the UK's role on the world stage
- **Liberty** – our community should allow everyone to live as they choose, free from oppression, prejudice or discrimination

## **2. Establishment**

### **2.1 Name**

The Party's name shall be Renew

### **2.2 Objectives**

The Party exists to field candidates in elections to local and central government in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland.

### **2.3 Diversity**

The Party is committed to diversity and fair treatment irrespective of race, age, gender identification, disability, religion, sexual orientation or other protected characteristics.

We believe that diverse and inclusive communities are stronger communities and are determined to ensure Renew represents the people of the UK in all its diversity. This determination applies to the environment and debate within the party, the selection of candidates and leaders and the policies the party puts forward.

We will not tolerate any form of intimidation, bullying or harassment and will discipline anyone who engages in this.

### **3. Policy development**

Policies are proposed by the Party's Executive Committee, in consultation with Candidates and Registered Supporters.

## 4. Membership

The Party has four types of membership:

- **Non-executive Board members** – responsible for providing oversight and guidance to the Executive Committee
- **Executive Committee members** – responsible for the management of the party, proposing policy positions and screening potential candidates
- **Candidates** – members approved as potential candidates for elected office by the party
- **Ordinary members** – who are not a member of another UK political party and whose membership has been approved by the executive committee

## 5. Structures

### 6.1 Board

#### 6.1.1 Purpose

To provide oversight and strategic guidance to the Executive Committee. To hold the Executive Committee to account.

#### 6.1.2 Composition and selection

- 4 Non-executive Board members (including one serving as Chair)
- 3 Candidate Representatives
- Leader
- Treasurer
- Nominating Officer

Any party member may nominate themselves for selection to serve as a non-executive Board member. Non-executive members will be chosen through a secret ballot of current Board members and Candidates using Single Transferable Vote.

Any Candidate may nominate themselves to serve as a Candidate Representative and will be selected in a secret ballot of current Candidates using Single Transferable Vote.

Non-executive Board members and Candidate Representatives serve 5 year terms and may stand for re-election at the end of each term.

Any Board member (including the Leader, Treasurer and Nominating Officer) may be dismissed and removed by a vote of all board members carried with a 2/3 majority.

### 6.2 Executive Committee

#### 6.2.1 Purpose

Responsible for the day to day management of the party and for policy development and proposals

#### 6.2.2 Composition and selection

The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- Leader
- Treasurer
- Nominating Officer

- Any additional members as co-opted by the Executive Committee

Any party member may nominate themselves for selection to any position on the Executive Committee. Each position will be chosen through a secret ballot of current Board members and Candidates using Single Transferable Vote.

Members may be co-opted to serve on the Executive Committee by a majority vote of the Leader, Treasurer and Nominating Officer. Co-opted members may be voting or non-voting on all matters except the removal of candidates, where they shall be non-voting.

## **6.3 Potential candidate list**

### **6.3.1 Purpose**

This list identifies those members who may be selected to run for individual seats and constituencies as a party representative.

### **6.3.2 Composition and admission**

Any party member may apply to join the list. The Executive Committee vets each application and nominates those they believe will be the best representatives of the Party, its Core Principles and established policy positions.

At each election, Candidates shall apply to stand in a particular seat and shall be selected by a simple majority in an open ballot of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee may remove candidates with a vote by a simple majority.



## **9. Financial affairs**

The Party's financial affairs shall be run according to the Financial Scheme registered with the Electoral Commission.

The Financial Scheme shall be reviewed quarterly by the Executive Committee and updated if necessary.

## **11. Amending the Constitution**

Changes to this constitution may be proposed by the Executive Committee and approved by:

- A simple majority of the Board
- A simple majority of Candidates
- A simple majority of Registered Supporters