



WE Party Conference

15 – 17 October 2020

Title: Constitutional Amendments Required by 2018 Conference Decisions

Proposer: The Women's Equality Party Steering Committee

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Type of motion: Business

Motion text:

1 The Women's Equality Party:

- 2 • *Noting* that changes to the Constitution made in 2018 entailed consequential further amendments, for
3 ratification by Conference, dictated by the amends made then,

4 *resolves* to amend the Constitution as follows:

5 Consequent upon the Constitutional amendments made at WE's 2018 Conference are the following
6 amendments:

- 7 1. In Articles 2.2.2 and 4.8.5, delete 'six' and insert 'seven', to read: 'seven Core Objectives'; WE
8 increased our core objectives from six to seven;
- 9 2. Consequent on the defeat at Conference of an amendment to add potential expulsion of individual
10 members and supporters to Article 7.10, in Article 3.4.1, delete ', to terminate, as a last resort, the
11 Membership of any Member, and to remove any supporter from the Registered Supporters list' and
12 in Article 3.4.2, delete 'or terminate';
- 13 3. In Article 6.8, in 'Such members', delete 'Such' and capitalise 'Members'; the sentence 'Such'
14 referred to has been deleted;
- 15 4. In Articles 7.5.12(iv), (v) and (vi), delete '9' and insert '14' to read 'Article 7.5.14 below'. This
16 updates the cross-reference to allow for new clauses inserted before the clause referred to;
- 17 5. In Articles 7.6.2(ii) and (iii), delete 'six' and insert 'seven', to read: 'seven core policy areas'; WE
18 increased our core objectives from six to seven;

19 Consequent on the 2018 decision to make the Steering Committee the body dealing with Hubs in consultation
20 with branches, in Article 7.7.4, replace 'Executive Committee' with 'Steering Committee' in both instances.



Motion rationale:

21 It is the Steering Committee's task to keep the Constitution current and relevant, in order to have a
22 Party structure that reflects the needs and wishes of the Party and its Members.

23 At WE's 2018 Conference, many amendments were made to the Constitution. Some of these
24 changes meant that other areas of the Constitution needed to be altered to remain consistent. At a
25 meeting of the Steering Committee shortly after Conference 2018, the changes consequent on
26 those constitutional amendments were put before the Committee, who agreed to them in order to
27 allow a consistent working Constitution until the changes could be ratified by Conference 2020.

28 To save confusion, each change is accompanied by a brief description of why it became
29 necessary.

30 Each change presented here is a consequence of constitutional changes made by Conference
31 2018. We commend them for your ratification.